

TOWN OF MADISON
Blight Enforcement Committee
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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting of January 12, 2016

Members in attendance; John N. Bowers, John DeLaura, Vin Garofalo

Members absent: None

First Selectman Tom Banisch and Selectman Al Goldberg in attendance

The Minutes of the December 9, 2015 Meeting were approved unanimously.

There were no citizen comments.

Update of current complaints

- 63, 65 Mill Road, Todd's Mill Circle/Mill Road properties; In spite of the progress that the owners have made cleaning these properties, some of the neighbors continue to press for final cleanup. Tom Banisch and Al Goldberg suggested that the owners be given a firm deadline to remove the most visible items on the properties, such as the trailers. Bowers noted that the owners may have some scheduling and weather-related challenges to removal of the trailers before mid-March or April. Members voted unanimously to require the removal of the trailers from the Todd's Mill Circle/Mill Road property within 30 days of the February 10, 2016 extended deadline granted the owners in October.
- 148 Middle Beach Road; There still has been no Building Permit applications filed for improvements to this property. The owner asked for an extension of time to pursue needed improvements, and has also asked for an appeal of the Blight Enforcement Committee's decision, by the Blight Appeals Committee. The request for an appeal was not filed on a timely basis and should be rejected by the Blight Appeals Committee. Bowers made and Garofalo seconded the motion to not grant any extension of time for completion of items noted in the Notice of Violation, dated November 19, 2015. The date for completion of these items is January 18, 2016, according to the Notice; fines will commence after this date, in accordance with the Anti-Blight Ordinance.

There followed a general discussion about the effectiveness of the Anti-Blight Ordinance and the administration of the Ordinance. Members agreed that the most difficult properties on which to effect change were those in or close to foreclosure. Banisch noted that perhaps the Ordinance should be amended to remove some of the administrative burden and to put the enforcement in the hands of a volunteer board or commission.