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Board of Health Meeting @ 6:30pm

Date: September 22, 2016
George Parent Room

Note: Audio Recording present

Agenda #1: Open Meeting

Agenda #2: Welcome New BOH Member-Susan Starkey- New member not present

Agenda #3: Roll Call Members Present:

Robert Checkosky, Chairman
Dave Williams, Vice-Chairman
Richard Cornetta
Elizabeth Stevens

Agenda #4: Accept Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. **September 15, 2016-** R. Checkosky states Board of Health minutes are not prepared. This item to be postponed until the BOH meeting of September 29, 2016.

Agenda #5: Hearing @ 6:30pm to Determine Habitability of 66 Central St in Accordance with 105 CMR 410.831

- A. A. Pelletier explains after a request from the Police Department regarding building conditions, an inspection was completed by himself and the Assistant Building Commissioner on August 23, 2016. Conditions observed prompt the issuance of an Order to Correct to Garieri, LLC; specifically the agent, Mr. Scott Garieri. The order issued instructed Mr. Garieri to retain the services of an engineer, correct conditions deemed dangerous or cause the building to become vacated.

Upon failure to comply with the Order to Correct, the case was brought to Housing Court with Mr. Garieri present. The Judge issued a Preliminary Injunction stating case is to be brought to Board of Health for a determination under 105 CMR 410.831: Dwellings Unfit for Human Habitation. A. Pelletier informed all occupants the case will be heard by the Board and the Board may decide to order that the premises be vacated and secured immediately.

A. Pelletier presents various photos taken of the foundation specifically: the collapsed field stone wall, the rotted support beam, bottom of the post, lack of footings, concrete and the vertical/horizontal post to members of the board, audience and Town Manager.

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Mr. Garieri offers his testimony and briefly explains the chain of events commencing with the drug raid which occurred several weeks ago. In closing, Mr. Garieri expresses his desire to secure the building and shortly after that demolition the building.

Questions and answers are voiced throughout the meeting.

Following discussion, D. Williams motions to declare 66 Central Street Unfit for Human Habitation, 2nd by R. Cornetta; Unanimous of all present. Motion passes.

A. Pelletier to prepare a placard declaring structure Unfit for Human Habitation and post onto the building.

Written decision provided to property owner, Mr. Garieri and occupants.

Order to vacate served to all 3 occupants.

R. Checkosky requests to visit Agenda #2 Welcome New BOH Member- Susan Starkey.

Agenda #6- Schedule Next Meeting- Thursday, September 29, 2016

Agenda #7- Meeting Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by R. Cornetta, 2nd by D. Williams.

Respectfully Submitted by Maritza Santos

