

**BLIGHT APPEAL HEARING
AUGUST 19, 2015**

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City Officials Present

Doug Novak- Acting Blight Officer
Joe Jaumann Esq.

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Property Owners

Charles Graham
Bill Urban

Call to Order:

Attorney Jaumann called the hearing to order at 5:34 P.M. All rose, and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Attorney Jaumann stated that the letters that went out to property owners indicated the hearing would be held Thursday August 19, 2015, and that it is in fact today- Wednesday.

Attorney Jaumann reviewed the hearing procedure and called upon Mr. Charles Graham property owner of 12-14 Nichols Street Ansonia, CT 06401.

Mr. Novak says according to the last correspondence from Mr. Blackwell we were meeting today to see what Mr. Grahams plan is in regards to the remaining vehicles and garage.

Mr. Graham says the owner of the vehicle remaining on the property plans to remove it. Mrs. Graham adds that to her understanding they are allowed one vehicle on the property. Attorney Jaumann says yes you can have the vehicle, but it needs to be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and if the owner of the vehicle indeeds registers the vehicle and proof is provided to Mr. Novak it will be all set.

Attorney Jaumann asks the status of the garage. Mr. Graham says the garage needs to be demolished and they just need the funds to do it. Mr. Graham states they will need at least 4 months to come up with the money. Attorney Jaumann says he is willing to give Mr. Graham 6 months. Attorney Jaumann adds that Mr. Graham needs to provide proof within 30 days from today that the un registered car is either legal or removed from the property. Attorney Jaumann says that it is the responsibility of Mr. Graham to contact Mr. Novak on or before September 18, 2015 to provide such proof.

Attorney Jaumann says in regards to the garage, they will meet again in 6 months on February 17, 2016.

Mr. Novak explains to Mr. Graham that if anyone is injured due to the garage collapsing Mr. Graham will be responsible. Attorney Jaumann suggests Mr. Graham go to Home Depot and get caution tape. Mr. Graham says he will block off the area and put signs up.

Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Bill Urban of 264 N. State Street Ansonia, CT 06401.

Attorney Jaumann says that in the appeal a lot of the issues have been remedied.

Mr. Novak says Mr. Urban was cited due to the visibility at the intersection being obstructed due to overgrown hedges, the front porch collapsing, peeling paint, overgrowth on the side of the house, and a broken basement window.

Mr. Novak says he has been to the property and that some repairs have been done on the front porch. Mr. Novak says the overgrowth on the side of the house is still there, paint is still peeling, the broken window was left broken. Mr. Novak says there was debris in the yard, trash cans were full in the yard, and the hedges were still not cut to make it visible to the street.

Mr. Urban says a lot of the work has been done since Mr. Novak has been to the property. Mr. Urban says the porch is 90% done, the trash was picked up by the city, and that the overgrowth on the side of the house is a natural wild flower garden.

Attorney Jaumann says the hedge height needs to come to compliance. Mr. Urban asks for a copy of the regulations. Mr. Novak says he will get one for him.

Attorney Jaumann says it sounds like Mr. Urban is making progress on citations 1-6. Attorney Jaumann says the peeling of the paint has not been remedied, nor has there been progress made.

Mr. Urban says he financially can not afford this. Attorney Jaumann says he understands and suggests to Mr. Urban that he speak with Mr. Novak in regards to programs offered to possibly help with the cost if Mr. Urban qualifies and funding is available.

Attorney Jaumann says they will meet again on October 21, 2015 and that will give Mr. Urban about 2 months to seek assistance if available and have a plan set in place.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk