

BLIGHT APPEALS HEARING  
AUGUST 30, 2016

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Janet Vitano Waugh  
Property Owner

ANDREW J. MACKENSTEIN  
CITY CLERK

Robert Vontell

Robert Knott III

City Officials Present

Dan King

Dave Blackwell

Call to Order:

Mr. King called the hearing to order at 5:07 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. King called upon Mr. and Mrs, Mackenstein property owners of 71 Platt Street, Ansonia Ct. 06401. Mr. King states the original complaint dated August 3, 2016 was for overgrown grass, brush, and a broken window. Mr. King asks Mr. Blackwell if he has gone back out to the property. Mr. Blackwell says he went out once and again today, Mr. Blackwell provided updated pictures of the property. Mr. King asks Mr. Blackwell if in his opinion everything is to satisfaction. Mr. Blackwell thinks this matter should be dismissed, says that the property has been cleaned up. Mrs. Mackenstein says she was away with a sick relative and that is why the property got behind, she thanks Mr. King and Mr. Blackwell for their time. Mr. King says this matter is dismissed.

Mr. King calls upon Mr. Vontell property owner of 5 ½ and 6 Lester Street Ansonia CT. 06401. Mr. Vontell says upon notice of receiving the blight issue he has a medical issue. Mr. Vontell says he has been taking care of the properties but stepped on a nail and got an infection which got him put into the hospital and he now has a picc line. Mr. Vontell says as soon as he got notice from Mr. Blackwell that there was an issue he has been working on the property to clean it up. Mr. King says number 6 Lester appears to be vacant. Mr. Vontell says it is because he owes taxes and vandals had come in and stole copper. Mr. Blackwell shows photos of 6 Lester Street and says he had it remediated it. Mr. Vontell says he was charged for 4 hours worth of work and it was roughly 15 minutes worth of work. Mr. Vontell says he is not complaining about the cost, but it was not that much work. Mr. Vontell would like to fix the property but can not until all taxes are up to date. Mr. Vontell says he is willing to talk to whoever he needs to speak to so he can fix the properties and sell them. Mr. Vontell says he is no longer interested in being a landlord. Mr. Vontell says he is willing to do anything to help solve the issues.

Mr. Blackwell says the tenants can not use the third floor attic space as sleeping quarters. Mr. Blackwell asks to clean out the area and put a padlock on the door. Mr. Vontell agrees.

Mr. King asks to give an extension to give time to speak to Corporation Counsel to see what can be done as far as the property.

Mr. Vontell says he would like to be excused from blight.

Mr. Blackwell says right now there is no blight lien. Mr. King says as far as the property clean up goes, it is been satisfied as far as we can go. The unregistered vehicles will be taken care of. It is up to Mr. Vontell to talk to Corporation Counsel in regards to other options. Mr. King says we will need to hear back within 30 days in regards to 6 Lester Street.

Mr. King calls upon Mr. Robert Knott III property owner of 9 Alcott Street.

Mr. Blackwell provides pictures and points out to Mr. King that the trailer/structure in the photos has been there for many years. Mr. Blackwell says you can see this by the growth of the trees over the structure.

Mr. Knott says the structure has been there for 30 to 40 years. Mr. Knott says he believes he should be grandfathered in. Mr. Knott continues to say that he had a hearing on this and never got a resolution.

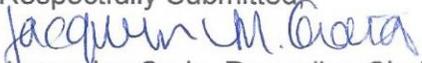
Mr. Blackwell says he thinks because it pre existed our regulation it should refer to Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Knott says bottom line is he uses it and he needs it his grandchildrens toys ae in it. Mr. Knott says he feels like he should be grandfathered in and says he should not even be here right now, this should have been resolved in September 2014 when he was here.

Mr. Blackwell says in all reality it has been there and is it really any different than if he really went out and bought an aluminum shed? Mr. Blackwell says he would like to speak with Corporation Counsel because there is a lot more involved.

Mr. King says this matter is continues with no fees pending discussion between Mr. Blackwell and Corporation Counsel. A resolution will be made by September 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk