

**Town of Old Lyme
Anti-Blight Investigation Committee
Record of Vote &
Meeting Minutes – *Unapproved***

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:30PM
Old Lyme Town Hall
Meeting Hall
Initial Meeting

Present: Ted Kiritsis, Patrick Pryor, J Ranelli, Stacy Winchell

Absent: Joel Weisman

Also present: First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder-ex officio (for first part of the meeting), Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, no members of the public.

1) Bonnie Reemsnyder called the meeting to order 7.45 pm

2) Introductions and Elections

Motion:

Patrick Pryor nominated and moved Stacy Winchell for Secretary.

Seconded by Ted Kiritsis. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion:

Ted Kiritsis nominated and moved Patrick Pryor for Chairman.

Seconded by Stacy Winchell. All in favor, motion carried.

3) Old Business - NAP

5) New Business -NAP

6) Discussion:

- Chair will provide agenda for posting. The next meeting will be considered a special meeting under FOI. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month at Memorial Town Hall.
- A microphone to record the meeting will be made available to the Committee.
- Chair reviewed the Charge to the Committee. It was noted that there was no end date for the Committee recommendations provided in the charge.

- Stacy will provide the links to the Blight ordinances from other municipalities electronically to Committee members for their research.
- There was general agreement that:

-The community needs to be made aware that the town is considering a blight ordinance.

- Public awareness of the issue can be improved

- There is a need to define blight especially to discriminate a true blight issue from a nuisance concern.

- There is a need to identify who one contacts with a blight concern

- There was concern that unless the process is well defined, some may use it against their neighbor.

- Ted Kiritis suggested inviting key town officials to the meeting for information sessions and perhaps as ex-officio members.

Motion:

Patrick Pryor moved that the Committee would invite the Old Lyme Fire Marshal (Dave Roberge), Town Zoning Enforcement Officer (Anne Brown), and Town Sanitarian, Building Inspector and Health Inspector (Ron Rose) for information gathering sessions and input on the need for an ordinance.

Seconded by Stacy Winchell. All in favor. Motion carried.

-There was discussion as to what authority handles what concerns and whether there are currently sufficient regulation exists.

-There was a discussion on the need for an enforceable ordinance with some teeth, penalties and that a hearing process may be needed.

7) Public Comment – None.

Motion:

Patrick Pryor moved to adjourn meeting at 8:49pm. Seconded by Ted Kiritis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next 3 Meetings: Wednesday, April 11, May 9, June 13,

Mary Jo Nosal – Acting Secretary

