

Ordinance Meeting – February 21, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Cheryl Lounsbury – Chairman, Anthony D’Angelo – Co – Chairman, Susan Locks  
Chris Palmieri – Town Council, Deputy Chief Wm. Palmieri – P.D. Patricia Queen – Bd. of Ed. Victoria  
Triano – Town Council, James Morelli, P & Z

Absent: Zaya Oshana, Bd. of Ed.

Chairman Lounsbury Opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and accepted with one correction.

Blight:

Atty. Futtner opinion at grade level is okay but the concern is a lawsuit if you’re talking about looking at  
blight from a second floor level.

Patricia Queen – I am very uneasy about not stating at grade level. It’s a slippery slope if not. A little  
more teeth into it and re-access the situation a little later.

Chris Palmieri – Residences are looking from their decks and it’s a trash pile in the neighbor yard I do not  
feel this is right.

Cheryl Lounsbury – Not intrusive on property values. Also we have seen some neighbors using it against  
one another. We need to get something in place and get this ordinance going.

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: Sometimes it’s a long process. I might say something is blight and  
someone else says it isn’t.

Cheryl Lounsbury: What is blight? If there are a lot of toys in a yard is that considered blight?

Deputy Chief Palmieri: The process can be sped up if we let the residence understand – mediate the  
situation. If we keep issuing infractions, this will get it into court faster.

Chris Palmieri: What is considered Blight? Big bulk items? 3 or 4 unregistered motor vehicles?

Deputy Chief Palmieri: 1 unregistered vehicle per home is legal not more than that. Must file a  
complaint in writing 5-38b (Pg.4).

Patricia Queen: Reference in red Pg. 5 - 1 & 2\* ab

Deputy Chief Palmieri: If there is unsightly material behind a fence it is not blight.

Cheryl Lounsbury: Maybe we should combine the language.

Deputy Chief Palmieri: I think we should keep it separate. A person is either registered or not.

Tony D’Angelo: What is a mess or is it blight?

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: Zoning Officer would determine if it blight or not.

Tony: Does form have to be signed (Process) or can it be filed out and not signed?

Deputy Chief: That they would send someone out to confirm the situation.

Vicky Triano: I do not like an unsigned complaint. If it's because of retaliation reasons, that's the coward way out!

Cheryl Lounsbury: Complaint from a disturbed person would cause concern and be afraid of retaliation.

Vicky: If you go face to face with the Zoning Officer and then follow it would be better.

Jim Morelli: I see both sides.

Vicky: What liability is involved?

Jim Morelli: If it's a legitimate issue and see it's right – who cares where the complaint comes from? If a complaint is legit, who cares who complained? If it is given to the Zoning Office who will check it out. Need to have correct language in place.

Patricia Queen: Pg. 2 – 10 days put it into Blight – What is reasonable?

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: 90 days – Little by Little. Have to have a violation before we do major action.

Cheryl Lounsbury: 2 Issues – We have on that table: 1. Written/signed or 2. Not signed but face to face or stands as is.

Deputy Chief Palmieri: If I go to the Town Manager – I have the right of all the accusers. It's a slippery slope if we go face to face and someone knows someone.

Chris Palmieri said he is okay with Sec. 5-38 as proposed in Green. (Written Signed Complaint)

Cheryl Lounsbury: Don't forget if someone has a fence – It's at grade level and you can't see in then it is okay for someone to have items in their backyards.

Chris: As long as all vehicles are registered. I agree with Sec. 5-39 – Sub A.. Recommend that we give to the Town Council as committee report for Council to digest.

Everyone agreed that was in attendance.

Cheryl Lounsbury: Next on the agenda is the Town Seal:

Vicky Triano: Pulled one out from Cheshire. We need a policy in place. Being trademarked and I am in favor. I have to leave early so can we vote on this at our next meeting. It's important for our citizens and young people to determine. This should have no political entity. Town Clerk is affiliated so it should be the Town Manager opinion. Language must be consistent and what is considered other uses.

Atty. Futtner: Enforcement provision? Can you do something about this?

Cheryl Lounsbury: What does it cost to enforce? Trademark our seal (Public domain)? If it only costs a small amount maybe we can still do this?

Atty. Futtner: Ethics Code is subject only for town employees.

Cheryl: A citizen can use it?

Atty. Futtner: Make a Policy to straighten out.

Deputy Chief Palmieri: 90% would adhere to a policy.

Patricia Queen: Would not know if it goes into effect until they violate it.

Tony D'Angelo: It's a one shot deal.

Atty. Futtner: its Public domain – One it's out there it's out there.

Cheryl Lounsbury: Right now we have political issues not public issues with the seal.

Chris Palmieri: Consideration: Steps Council – Band substance list. Any type of candied cigarettes. Let the kids come here to discuss.

Motion to close the meeting @ 5:25 p.m. – Chris Palmieri – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tony D'Angelo

Minutes submitted by Susan Locks