



**AGENDA
BLIGHT REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 4:00 PM

**Call in: 860-967-0722
Password: 464 590 32**

1. Roll Call: Attorney Richard Cattone on the phone – representing property owner; Karen Prague; Lori Unghire; Jessica Martin; Nick Hopkins; James R. Byrne; Kasia Purciello, liaison and Assistant Town Manager

2. New Business

- a. 18 Ridge Road

Attorney Cattone states that his client is in Florida working and is under contract to sell the property with a closing date of Friday, February 11, 2022. Property owner has owned property since 2002. In 2015, they contracted with company to install new roof and siding and borrowed \$25,000 in form of second mortgage for siding and roofing. Mortgage will be paid off during closing. James Byrne inquires what the net proceeds are? Attorney Cattone responds that the net proceeds will be approximately \$150,000.

Mr. Hopkins states that he is inclined to reduce the fine. A suggestion was made by Ms. Martin to cut the fine in half. Ms. Prague asks about private discussion. Assistant Town Manager Purciello clarifies that this is a public meeting.

Ms. Prague states that the house looks beautiful now and says that the goal of the Blight Review Committee is not to make money and return properties to a blight-free state. She suggests waiving 75% of the fines. Ms. Unghire supports reducing fines by 75%. A vote is taken – 4 in favor, 1 against. Ms. Martin states she continues to be in favor of reducing the liens by half.

Motion passes to reduce lien by 75%. Ms. Purciello will prepare a letter to the property owner and notify the Tax Assessor.

3. Adjournment

There is a motion, second, and meeting is adjourned