

The emergency meeting was called to order by Chairman, Richard Desjardins, at 10:00 a.m. Also in attendance were; Member, Al Holman; Member, Richard Robinson; Asst. Public Health Supervisor, Diane Tiernan; Police Sgt. Bruce Rivard; Town manager, Blythe Robinson; Fire Chief, Ron Goodale; ACO, Mike Moran; and neighbor, Denise Smith.

Richard D. stated the meeting was called to order following an emergency condemnation order of 60 School Street, by the Board of Health. Richard D. was called to 60 School Street by the board's Animal Control Officer, Mike Moran, who was conducting an inspection with Nadya Morenco of the MSCPA.

Mike gave a report of occurrences that happened yesterday on August 3rd at 60 School Street. Mike stated he was trying to follow up a complaint from a neighbor as well as violations of the town's nuisance bylaw. He had made several visits to the home, but the owners, Maureen Guido and Sheila Black would not answer the door. Yesterday, he brought the MSCPCA officer and the Police Dept., and for medical reasons they were able to gain access. Mike found the conditions in the home such that he needed to notify the BOH. Numerous cats were observed throughout the house, but due to the excess amounts of trash, they were unable to trap more than 7.

Richard D. and Al were on scene and viewed evidence of extreme filth and made the decision that the owners of the home must be evacuated immediately and the house would be condemned.

With the assistance of the Police Dept., Fire Dept., MSPCA, and Town Manager, the Board of Health had the owners removed and the house posted as condemned. Diane Tiernan remained at the BOH office and completed the proper legal paperwork through Town Council, which was delivered to the homeowners that evening.

Motion one - Al made a motion to ratify the decision to condemn the home at 60 School Street, due to the uninhabitable living conditions. Richard R. seconded the motion and Richard D. made the motion unanimous.

Not only is the home filled with debris and trash, but the bathrooms did not appear to be functioning, and the water was not turned on in the home. Ron stated he is questioning the contents of the garage which has a lock on it. Blythe stated she and Diane had a conference call with town council, who under the circumstances feels it's appropriate to enter the garage as long as it is locked back up.

Motion two – Al made a motion based upon the town council's recommendations, to enter the garage to examine any source of filth that may exist in the garage. Richard D. seconded the motion and Richard R. made the motion unanimous. Motion was approved.

Ron stated he would enter the garage later today. The home has been secured at this time.

Blythe stated that town council is working on getting us into court asap to obtain a temporary restraining order and file the condemnation papers. We are going to ask the Judges permission to clean the house out immediately, as it is a health concern.

Blythe also stated she has notified the Finance Committee of a possible need for emergency funding.

Ron stated he has replenished his supply of haz. mat. suits and they will be available for those that need to enter the house.

Mike stated he has been flooded with press calls which he would prefer not to answer. Blythe stated she and Diane would work on a press release.

Sgt. Rivard stated the women have gone to a family members home for now and gave Diane the temporary addresses of Maureen and Sheila for legal documenting purposes.

The Board will post another meeting for 48 hours to ratify the condemnation order for 60 School Street.

Denise stated she just wanted everyone to know that she lives across from these women and not once was she ever aware of a housing problem. Although they had cats, she spoke to Maureen several times and had no clue what so ever that the interior of the home was in this condition.

Richard D. stated he wanted to commend the Police and Fire Dept., for their superb assistance with the entire situation.

Motion three – Richard R. made a motion to adjourn and Al seconded the motion. Richard D. made the motion unanimous.

10:30 a.m., Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Tiernan, Asst. Public Health Supervisor