

June 13, 2021

To: Mr. Art Hausman
Town of North Haven
Blight Prevention

From: Joan Hillo
78 Blue Hills Rd.
North Haven

Re: 225 Kings Highway Blight Appeal

Hello Mr. Hausman,

I am the owner of 78 Blue Hills Road, North Haven. I read about the appeal hearing in our local paper and wanted to add some information prior to the hearing. My home abuts the dilapidated structures in question. My husband and I have lived with it since we built our house in 1989. Over the years, we have watched fox, deer and raccoons come into our yard from these structures. I can only imagine what other critters/vermin are living there. Years ago, we were told that our neighbor filed a complaint, and nothing was done so we became accustomed to living with the disgusting sight. I hung curtains on the windows, so we did not have to see it every time we eat in our living room.

I am a very recent widow, my husband passed away on March 5th after a 4 year battle with liver cancer. Since then, I have had to make the painful decision to sell my home of 32 years and downsize. In doing so, I hired an appraiser to formulate a value of my home. When Mr. Baldino, the appraiser, inspected my home, he asked me about the atrocious, abandoned outbuildings, I told him that I had no idea who the owner was and that I thought a complaint was made to the town several years ago to no avail. He proceeded to tell me that the sight of the structures would negatively impact the marketability of my home as they are within close proximity to my property border. He also said he saw barrels on the property and was concerned that they may pose environmental concerns as they may contain toxic substances which could be a potential health hazard. I applaud Mr. Baldino for taking the initiative of contacting your office to file a complaint regarding these deteriorating structures.

I am in the process of putting my house on the market to sell and fear the unsightly structures will be a noteworthy deterrent to potential buyers. The Notice of Violation is a saving grace in that the potential buyer would know that the structure will not be there for long.

In closing, I want to thank your committee for agreeing that the structure is in a blighted condition and the continued existence in its current condition adversely affects the economic well-being of the Town of North Haven. The unsightly view of these structures only serves to limit me from obtaining full market value of my home and the owner's delaying to address this issue is totally inconsistent with the high levels of diligent site maintenance exhibited by other property owners within the immediate neighborhood. It has jeopardized the health, safety, welfare, and quality of our lives for 32 years and it is about time the owner steps up and demolishes or repairs the blighted structures and removes any and all storage tanks, barrels, etc. contained therein.

Please keep me informed of the outcome of the hearing.

Sincerely,


Joan Hillo

Owner of 78 Blue Hills Road, North Haven

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