

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

A Public Hearing of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Present**

Present were Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. B. Knight, S. Lawand, S. Campbell, and G. Pentz.

Also present CAO S. Higdon, Building Official Mannie Withrow, and Town Solicitor Craig Clarke

**Agenda**

The agenda was approved on motion by Coun. S. Campbell, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing for 106 Rutherford**

CAO S. Higdon read letter from property owner Beatrice Lohead re their clean up efforts to date; looking for an extension of time.

Building Official M. Withrow went through the sequence of events:

- Complaint received July 26, 2022
- Property inspected on September 27, 2022
- Property deemed to be dangerous and unsightly, and in poor structural condition
- Dangerous and Unsightly Order issued giving 30 days to submit a "Structural Engineer's Report" with recommendation to repair and clean up property
- Reinspected property on October 27, 2022 and still in same condition; recommends to Council a Demolition Order

M. Withrow presented photos of property to Council, outside and inside the house.

M. Withrow stated with the existing conditions of this dwelling and nothing complied with to date, he recommends Council to consider a Demolition Order to demolish the existing dilapidated structure within 30 days, and clean up entire property of all debris.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re wood stoves not up to code; no other real heat source; are they allowed to stay in dwelling? Is there a plan?

Beatrice Lohead and friend addressed Council; plans to fix things up in February 2023. Discussion commenced.

Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested selling property to the Town and they, along with the MLA will help find another place to live.

Coun. S. Lawand re the costs to perform repairs.

M. Withrow feels costs would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

CAO S. Higdon re the Building Inspector's recommendation, in the meantime, the Town can work with property owner and the MLA to look at options of selling and buying.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept recommendation of the Building Inspector, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing for 137/139 Maple Street**

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if anyone would like to speak on this property.

M. Withrow went through the sequence of events and presented pictures:

- Received complaint October 12, 2022
- Property inspected October 20, 2022
- Property was deemed to be dangerous and unsightly
- This property was issued a previous Dangerous and Unsightly Order
- An ongoing issue
- Order was posted according to the MGA

M. Withrow recommends demolishing the existing dilapidated structure within 30 days, and/or submit a structural report by an engineer licensed to practice in Nova Scotia with all remediated work outlined in said report by December 14, 2022, and all repairs identified in the report to be corrected within 60 days of the date of this order.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Building Inspector's recommendation, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment**

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on motion by Coun. B. Knight.

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