

Hyde Park Local Board of Health

February 17, 2022

Remote Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: None
Members Virtual: Susan Bartlett, Chair; David Gagnier; Brian Shackett; Roland Boivin; Keith Ulrich
Members Absent: Chasity Fagnant;
Attendees Present: None
Attendees Virtual: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Tenant Emily Peterson; Landlord Michael Rooney; Landlord Susan Dorn

Susan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Local Board of Health** – Susan Bartlett re-opened the Board of Health hearing to consider the proposed Health Order regarding 3033 Centerville Road. The hearing was first opened on 02/01/2022, continued to 02/02/2022 and 02/10/2022 and the final continuance to 02/17/2022. Keith reported that he had contacted the State Fire Marshall who has a planned site visit to 3033 Centerville Road tomorrow, 2/18, at 8:00 a.m. Keith expects the State to issue corrective actions with the State Electrical Inspector to conduct a second site visit in the near future. Susan B. reviewed Keith's proposed revised deadlines for corrective actions, modifying his original deadlines in the 01/27/2022 Notice of Intent to Issue an Health Order. Suisan Dorn noted that they were aware of the recently issued Notice from the VT Department of Health regarding lead paint. Dave asked if there was a chance that the tenant and landlord would reach an agreement on the timing the tenant would vacate which would resolve the violations. Susan B. advised the Board to review the proposed "yellow" dates on the revised correction actions list, suggesting affirming the 2/22 dates except for two and moving the other deadlines to 06/01/2022. Emily stated things have gotten worse since August 2021 when the side porch was removed, including freezing pipes in January 2022 and water damage to floors. Susan Dorn advised that the original lease was for three people for 6 months, then the rent changed to month to month as the tenants understood the poor conditions and no one was sure how long they would rent. Susan D. stated if she and Michael had been aware of the rental standards, they wouldn't have rented the home. Keith advised that the Board of Health needed to address the violation list not landlord tenant issues. Susan B. suggested moving two of the current 02/22/2022 corrective action deadlines, 1.6 (second exit) and 7.5 (electrical work) and the "green shaded" 04/01/2022 corrective action deadlines to a June 1, 2022, deadline. Keith suggested that Fire Marshall deadlines on the same violations may be much shorter and if corrections made would then comply with the town's later deadline. Dave G. asked if the landlord could issue a notice to vacate and Emily stated a 30-day notice to vacate had already been issued. Susan B. suggested the Board consider reducing from the maximum \$200.00. Brian suggested \$100.00. Motion by Brian to close the hearing and affirm the Town Health Officer's revised 02/22/2022 deadlines except for violation 1.6 and 7.5 which would be moved to a 06/01/2022 deadline, move the 04/01/2022 revised action deadlines to 06/01/2022 and set the daily fine per violation at \$100.00. Seconded by Keith. Discussion: Susan Dorn asked how she was supported to correct violation 1.4, and Susan B. advised the Board could not tell her how. Susan D. stated the tenant was responsible for clearing snow. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Susan B. stated that the parties should be able to review the State Fire Marshall's report soon and Ron will copy everyone with any new information as the process continues.

Motion by Brian to adjourn, Seconded by Dave. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

2. **Adjourn** – Motion by Brian to adjourn at 6:56 p.m., so adjourned with no objection.