

August 28, 2018

Addition to the Agenda:

4.a. *Discussion of Condition of Blue Spruce Motel – Consider Lodging Zoning Complaint

In response to many, many inquiries about what can be done about getting what remains of the mostly burned-down Blue Spruce Motel cleaned-up sooner rather than later, we contacted Town Attorney Benj Putnam and he advised that the Selectboard, acting as an interested party in the matter, may authorize the Town Manager to lodge a complaint with the Development Review Board (DRB) about the lack of maintenance which has “given rise to any or all of the following conditions: (i) a threat to public health or safety, (ii) an undue adverse impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood and surrounding area, and/or (iii) an undue adverse impact on neighboring property values.”

Once the complaint is received, under Section 753 of the Town’s [Zoning & Subdivision Regulations](#), “[t]he DRB may hold a hearing to determine whether a structure has been abandoned. If the DRB determines that the structure has been abandoned, it may, consistent with the purposes of the Town Plan and this Ordinance, order that the abandoned structure be secured, repaired or removed at the expense of the owner.”

Recommendation: If the Board is amenable, a motion would be in order to authorize the Town Manager to lodge a complaint with the Development Review Board about the condition of the Blue Spruce Motel, pursuant to Section 753 of the Town’s Zoning & Subdivision Regulations.