

The Planning and Community Development/Building Department reports its activities for the month of April 2021as follows:

Project Updates

Work Activities:

Problem properties were as follows:

- 429, Frank Smith Road, neighbor called complaining about a deck extension constructed without a permit.
- 33 Severn Street, fence in front yard.
- 44 Tanglewood, ongoing by law violations.
- 270 Park Drive, dispute about a property line.
- 50 West Road , by law violations ongoing.
- 73 Barrington. Dispute about a fence.
- 55 Fernleaf, leaves in street.
- 107 Wenonah, foreclosed property, long grass, shrubs overgrown.
- 54 Nevins, running carpentry business out of the home.
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- 384 Maple another complaint about parking a car on the front lawn.
- 59 South Avenue, neighbor complaining about leaves in the yard.

This month this department issued the following permits:

65 Building Permits
47 Electrical Permits
19 Plumbing Permits
23 Gas Permits
0 Sheet Metal Permits
7 Fence Permit

The four special permits from last month were approved. The application for keeping chickens at 71 Knollwood Circle was continued again. We only took in one application in April and that was for a variance for larger signs than that allowed in a residential zone. These signs are proposed for the new Bay Path campus security office on Longmeadow Street.

Other Items of Note:

On April 21, I attended our monthly BOWM meeting/training via Zoom. Code Red Consultants gave a presentation on Fire Protection Documentation and Permitting.

I had Housing Court Hearing via Zoom on April 8; this was for an appeal to a ticket I had issued for parking a commercial vehicle overnight. I had spoken with the offender prior to the hearing and he assured me that he would refrain from parking said vehicle in the driveway overnight going forward. I agreed to forgive the ticket.

I issued a ticket to the owner of 191 Inverness Lane for having a storage container in the driveway of the property for months. I stopped by and

Spoke with a household member at least twice, and explained that the container could not be there for over 60 days. On each occasion, she said she would remove it. I then sent a letter and got no reply, so I had no choice but to issue a ticket, which was not paid or appealed, so I sent it to Housing Court.

I issued a building permit for a new home at 131 Yarmouth Street.

I issued a certificate of occupancy for the Shot Shop at the Longmeadow Shops.

Performance Measures:

LOG OF DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS

MONTH OF: April

W/E Date:	1 APRIL 21	5 APRIL 21	12 APRIL 21	19 APRIL 21	26 APRIL 21	Monthly Total
	2 APRIL 21	9 APRIL 21	16 APRIL 21	23 APRIL 21	30 APRIL 21	
Building permits	680.00	4337.55	2680.00	495.00	2241.00	10103.55
Electric permits	330.00	825.00	2145.00	605.00	825.00	4290.00
Plumbing permits	257.00	642.50	1210.00	735.00	440.00	3875.00
Gas permits	147.00	642.50	440.00	550.00	522.50	2442.50
Fence permits	25.00			25.00		150.00
Tent permits						
State inspections						
Building permit fines						
Electric billed						
Plumbing billed						
Gas billed						
Sheet Metal Permits				210.00		210.00
Foreclosed Prop. Reg						
Rental Property Registration			300.00	100.00	500.00	
Vacant/Abandon Prop. Reg						
Accessory Structures		55.00	55.00			110.00
Weights & Measures						
Planning board filing fees						
Planning board notice of intent						
Planning board subdivision plan						
Planning board site plan review						
Misc. revenue						
Weekly	1962.50	1742.50	1940.00	33213.31	3928.50	21,181.05

Next Month:

The Board of Health Director and I have a meeting with staff from the AG's office on May 7 to look at 3 properties in town that are potential candidates for the receivership program. The properties are,

44 Tanglewood Drive

927 Converse Street

709 ConverseStreet

I expect to get a request for a certificate of occupancy for the new senior center.

I expect to get a request for a certificate of occupancy for a new home located at 82 Churchill Drive.

I have had inquiries about a lot on Shaker Road, so I expect to receive a building permit application for a new home on that lot.

I anticipate the return to work of my Clerk, Sharon Smith. Sharon has been out of work since December 7, 2020 as result of a serious car accident.