

The Planning and Community Development/Building Department reports its activities for the month of January 2020 as follows:

Project Updates:

Work Activities:

Problem properties this month were as follows:

I had no complaints this month.

This month this department issued the following permits:

- 41 Building Permits
- 20 Electrical Permits
- 19 Plumbing Permits
- 27 Gas Permits
- 0 Fence Permits
- 0 Sheet Metal Permits

The Zoning Board of Appeals at their January 14 hearing vacated my order to cease and desist the parking of a commercial vehicle in the driveway overnight at 329 Frank Smith Road. The resident there is an emergency responder for Columbia Gas and that is what he based his appeal on.

They also approved the amendment to a special permit for signage at the Jewish Community center.

The bylaw review committee met on January 28 to prioritize bylaws that need to be added or amended.

We hope to have some of them on the warrant for the spring town meeting.

Other Items of Note:

I attended our monthly BOWM meeting /training on Wednesday, January 15. We had a training on hands only CPR, AED awareness and choking relief maneuvers.

I also attended a district meeting on January 23 in Greenfield where we discussed several topics ranging from solar panel installations to 304 inspections, which are the inspections carried out by both Building and Fire on establishments where alcohol is consumed on the premises.

I inspected the 4 three family houses we have in town. I was able to get the landlords to install exit signs and emergency lighting which they were lacking.

80 hawthorn Street was finally sold. This property has been a problem for many years. The new owner has already pulled a permit to rehab the place.

91 Birchwood Ave, another foreclosed property which I have been working on is also for sale. I had the bank clean the property up and put pressure on them to keep the property maintained.

Performance Measures:

LOG OF DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS MONTH OF: JANUARY 2020						
W/E Date:	2-Jan-20 3-Jan-20	6-Jan-20 10-Jan-20	13-Jan-20 17-Jan-20	20-Jan-20 24-Jan-20	27-Jan-20 31-Jan-20	Monthly Total
Building permits	55.00	1450.00	1585.00	2390.00	1340.00	6820.00
Electric permits	220.00	1100.00	715.00	165.00	660.00	2860.00
Plumbing permits	220.00	480.00	295.00	257.50	460.00	1712.50
Gas permits	330.00	370.00	240.00	642.50	240.00	1822.50
Fence permits						0.00
Tent permits						0.00
State inspections		60.00	420.00	420.00		900.00
Building permit fines						0.00
Electric billed		165.00	55.00		55.00	275.00
Plumbing billed						0.00
Gas billed		110.00				110.00
Sheet Metal Permits		55.00	55.00			110.00
Foreclosed Prop. Reg				100.00		100.00
Rental Property Registration	300.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	400.00	1100.00
Vacant/Abandon Prop. Reg						0.00
Zoning By-Law Books						0.00
Weights & Measures			150.00		40.00	190.00
Planning board filing fees				50.00	50.00	100.00
Planning board notice of intent						0.00
Planning board subdivision plan						0.00
Planning board site plan review						0.00
Misc. revenue						0.00
Monthly	1125.00	3890.00	3715.00	4125.00	3245.00	16,100.00

Next Month:

I will be working with the IT Department to hopefully chose a new vendor for our permitting software depending on pricing. As I mentioned before our current one (View Permit) is sun setting on June 30, 2020. We want to be proactive and have a smooth transition.

February is probably the busiest month for certificates of inspection, (required inspections based on use group).

Permits have been steady so I expect plenty of inspections.

I have a senior abatement person starting this month and will have another one after tax season is over.