

**TOWN OF GROTON**

Board of Health

173 Main Street

Groton, MA 01450

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Jason Weber, Chairman

Robert J. Fleischer, Member

Michelle Collette, Member

Date: Monday, March 31st, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Jason Weber, Chairman; Robert J. Fleischer, Member; Michelle Collette, Member; Ira Grossman, Nashoba Associated Board of Health Agent

Others Present: Fran Stanley, Police Chief Michael Luth

Jason Weber called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**196 HAYDEN ROAD – Discussion of Condemnation**

IG received a call from GPD

Can’t enter unit w/o permission from tenant

Was able to look from entry way to unit

So much garbage that it impedes people from moving

GELD terminated power

Very poor condition – rubbish; obstruction to egresses

No option but to do emergency condemnation

As agent have to have the Board meet, confirm, modify, revoke the order

Feces interior of the building

2 adults, 1 minor

IG handed letter to tenant

BOB – where are they currently?

Not able to reside there now or in the near future; not there now

MC – situation uninhabitable –

Where do they get shelter? Provisions? Safety net?

IG – directed to the red cross or other emergency shelter

Police – active investigation

Small child involved

FRAN - Red cross will help for 3 nights; not long term

Family shelter is what they’ll need; plenty of money available for rental assistance

Would be difficult to find subsidized apt at housing authority that would be permanent housing

“permanent” – as long as you’re income eligible

Stable tenancy

IG – was very upfront and moving towards getting a dumpster

Occupant seemed motivated to get going on it

Jason – health & safety of occupants particularly the child; challenge w/any eviction is to not things worse

Fran – does not know how long the house will be habitable

IG - Focus on the action we took; understand we’re all humans

IG – ongoing investigation

Bob – what brought the police there

Police was there assisting GELD; officer made observation while there that needed to be looked into further

Room for concern for someone’s safety for someone’s house

Health & safety issues

Chief luth agrees w/IG 100% that this is unsafe to raise a child there

MC – too soon to make a motion: facts are

Move that BOH ratify the em order issued by IG of NABH as our agent to the property owner at 196 Hayden Rd dated 3/31/2021 for the reasons sighted in the letter; testimony from police of chief

Bob seconded

IG – did speak to tenant and asked him to join the meeting

Bob – have not seen conditions

Jason – been told that it is unsafe

Some great risk here

Try to stay close to this one

Another EM meeting Friday? Maybe

All in favor

**Jason Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.**

Minutes by Sammie Kul.