



COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 06, 2022

TO: CHARLIE AMPAGOOMIAN JR., CHAIR BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager

From: R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner

RE: **SLUM & BLIGHT INVENTORY (SBI) -PUBLIC HEARING**
(2020 CDBG) New Village & Rockdale Neighborhoods

At its meeting of Monday June 13, 2022, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a Public Hearing for Slum & Blight Inventories prepared for the New Village and Rockdale neighborhood Target Areas. During the public hearing, Tiffany Menard and Ted Harvey (Consultants) from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will review the SBI reports prepared; including general introduction, overview of target area(s), methodology used to determine level of deterioration, and results determining target areas (New Village & Rockdale neighborhoods) meet criteria (/definition) of substandard, blighted, or decadent areas as provided for in MGL Chapter 121A & 121B.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Selectmen shall vote to certify Target Area(s) meet the criteria for Slum & Blight. The SBI reports, along with the Board's vote will then be provided to DHCD -Department of Housing & Community Development for review and confirmation of same.

Provided below is the *MOTION/VOTE* to be taken for each of the Target Area(s):

New Village Target Area

Based on information provided in the Slum & Blight Inventory for Northbridge, Massachusetts dated June 2022, the Northbridge Board of Selectmen hereby certifies that the designated NEW VILLAGE TARGET AREA is in disrepair with recognizable and patterned disinvestment. As such, the area meets the Commonwealth's definition of substandard, blighted, or decadent areas as stated in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 121A and 121B.

Rockdale Target Area

Based on information provided in the Slum & Blight Inventory for Northbridge, Massachusetts dated June 2022, the Northbridge Board of Selectmen hereby certifies that the designated ROCKDALE TARGET AREA is in disrepair with recognizable and patterned disinvestment. As such, the area meets the Commonwealth's definition of substandard, blighted, or decadent areas as stated in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 121A and 121B.

Copy of the Slum & Blight Inventories are attached hereto, same filed with the Office of the Town Clerk (June 02 2022) and posted on the town's webpage (<https://www.northbridgemass.org/community-planning-development/news/fy2020-cdbg-slum-blight-inventory-reports-new-village-rockdale>). Reference is made to Community Planning & Development memo dated May 17, 2022 (attached), regarding SBI discussion item reviewed by the Board of Selectmen (May 23 2022).

Take care & be well.

Cc: /File