SYNOPSIS

59 Church Street

Demolition Order

Various complaints have been received on this property since 2011. While the majority of the complaints have been in regards to garbage and rodents, the current issue is in regards to the condition of the building on the site. Notwithstanding that the property was ordered to be vacated in 2016 due to the condition of the building, the property owner has not made any progress to remedy the deficiencies and return the property into a usable condition.

A Building Official from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland has identified a number of issues with the building including electrical and plumbing deficiencies, various locations of structural failure, and evidence of wildlife penetration.

Given the deficiencies listed above and the likely cost of remedying those deficiencies; combined with the owner's unwillingness or inability to address the deficiencies, the Administrator has recommended demolition as the remedy to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of the property. The Planning Advisory Committee, in their motion of January 18, 2019 also chose demolition as the method to remedy the situation.

A hearing was held on February 20 to allow the property owner and the complainants an opportunity to provide input on the appeal of the order of the Planning Advisory Committee to demolish the buildings.

MOTION:

That Council uphold the recommendation of the Administrator and order of the Planning Advisory Committee and order the property owner to remove the contents of and demolish the building located at 59 Church Street within 45 days of this meeting. The foundation is to be backfilled. Failure by the property owner to do the work will result in the Town completing the work and sending all contents of the building to an appropriate solid waste disposal facility with all costs charged to the property owner's tax account.