



Memorandum

To: Town Board
Cc: Ray Burger, Planning Director
Nathan VanWhy, Town Attorney
Bambi Avery, Town Clerk
Jack & Akela Enslow, Owner
From: David Sprout, Code Enforcement Officer
Shelley Knickerbocker, Code Enforcement Officer
Subject: 1892 Slaterville Road, Unsafe Structure
Date: June 16, 2022

Dryden Code Section 118-15 F (Local Law 4-2017) for unsafe structures directs the Code Enforcement Officer to report to the Town Board findings and recommendations regarding repair or demolition of an unsafe structure. In the matter of 1892 Slaterville Road, Tax Parcel 71.-1-37.4, we present such findings.

Our records indicate that this structure was constructed in 1815 as a one and a half story old style single-family home. It was approximately 1300 square feet on the first floor, including a partial basement. However, on May 28, 2020 a house fire and subsequent rekindling on May 29, 2020 severely damaged the structure. A large pile of structural debris remains on the site to this day. The structure and property are owned by Jack and Akela Enslow. The structure is unfit for the purpose for which it may lawfully be used.

On April 1, 2021, three (3) Violation Notices were issued regarding the property. The first, for the unsafe structure, a violation of the New York State Fire Code. The second, a violation of the New York State Property Maintenance Code for the large accumulation of rubbish or garbage on site, which would include the damaged structure. The third violation notice was for occupying an RV or camping trailer on site - a zoning violation. Typical delivery of these notices would have been in person or by affixing a true copy to the door of the actual dwelling place. However, because the dwelling (and its door) was destroyed by fire and the property is posted against trespass, the notices were delivered to a receptacle which appeared to be at the dwelling place specifically for receipt of packages. The notices were also sent by regular mail as stated on the Affidavit of Service.

The recommendation shall be to complete the demolition of the fire-damaged structure and dispose of its debris without delay. The destroyed structure only exacerbates the unsightliness of the premises.

Dryden Code Section 118-15 E(1) (Local Law 4-2017) directs the Code Enforcement Officer to present a compliance and remediation plan to the Town Board. The plan is to detail how the Town may cause the condition(s) to be corrected through reasonable measures and to include an estimate of the direct cost of such measures, plus legal costs and administrative costs of the Town for administering, supervising, and handling such work (see attached plan).

Thank you.