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Many properties being foreclosed upon by institutions frequently remain abandoned or become dilapidated for months and years at a time during and after the foreclosure process. This often creates attractive public nuisances, unsecured properties open to weather, vandalism and illegal occupancy, unsafe conditions, and violations of multiple aspects of the State Building Code and State Sanitary Code. Such properties encourage blight, reduce real estate values of surrounding properties and neighborhoods, and create significant maintenance and monitoring costs to the Town of Canton. The institutions who perform foreclosures or who own properties after foreclosure often have little to no connection with the Town and are removed from the communities affected. Furthermore, they frequently fail to provide any identification or contact information to allow the Town to determine who the owners of properties are or to contact them regarding violations of applicable laws, codes, regulations and Town bylaws.

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