



City of Somerville

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was conducted via remote participation. We will have an audio recording available upon request as soon as possible after the meeting.

Board Members present: Susan Fontano (Chair), Danielle Evans (Clerk), Josh Safdie, Anne Brockelman

Board Members absent: Elaine Severino

City staff present: Charlotte Leis (Planner), Rebecca Cooper (Senior Planner)

Meeting was opened at 6:02pm.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the August 16, 2020 and September 2, 2020 minutes. Ms. Brockelman seconded. The Board took a roll-call vote: Anne Brockelman - aye; Danielle Evans – aye; Susan Fontano - aye; Josh Safdie – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**40B2020-001** (continued from August 19, 2020)  
34 North St (Clarendon Hill)

Ms. Leis explained that staff are still working on conditions to make sure that the conditions list is correct and complete. Cory Mian agreed that staff and the application team are working together in good faith, but the remaining questions require coordination between multiple departments and so are taking

Ms. Evans made a motion to continue the case to September 30, 2020. Ms. Brockelman seconded. The Board took a roll-call vote: Anne Brockelman - aye; Danielle Evans – aye; Susan Fontano - aye; Josh Safdie - aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**DRA2020-0052** (continued from July 15, 2020)  
345 Medford St

Richard DiGirolamo requested a continuance to the September 30, 2020 meeting. The rezoning petition submitted to the City Council was heard by the Land Use Committee on September 15 and is kept in committee. They plan to withdraw their application once the zoning map amendment appears likely to be approved.

The Board asked why the amendment was still in committee; asked about the expected timeline for the zoning amendment.

Mr. DiGirolamo said the Land Use Committee had asked the Planning Director to review the proposed zoning map amendment and report on the anticipate impacts on the neighboring buildings.

Ms. Cooper said she had connected with Director Lewis and Planning Board Chair Capuano, and it is anticipated that the zoning amendments will be taken up by the Planning Board at the October 1, 2020 meeting. The Planning Board will either provide a recommendation at that meeting or request additional information.

Mr. DiGirolamo said he was not aware of that and requested instead that the case be continued to October 14, 2020 to provide time for the Planning Board and City Council to continue moving forward.

Ms. Evans made a motion to continue the case to October 14, 2020. Ms. Brockelman seconded. The Board took a roll-call vote: Anne Brockelman - aye; Danielle Evans – aye; Susan Fontano - aye; Josh Safdie - aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Evans made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brockelman seconded. The Board took a roll-call vote: Anne Brockelman - aye; Danielle Evans – aye; Susan Fontano - aye; Josh Safdie - aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.