



City of Somerville

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

## MARCH 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was conducted via remote participation on GoToWebinar.

NAME	TITLE	STATUS	ARRIVED
Susan Fontano	Chair	<i>Present</i>	
Danielle Evans	Clerk	<i>Present</i>	
Josh Safdie	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Anne Brockelman	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Elaine Severino	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Katherine Garavaglia	Alternate	<i>Present</i>	

City staff present: Charlotte Leis (Planning & Zoning)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm and adjourned at 6:24pm.

### GENERAL BUSINESS: Meeting Minutes Approval

Ms. Evans noted a correction to the March 3, 2021 minutes; the minutes indicated Mr. Safdie making a motion when he was in fact absent.

The Board approved the March 3, 2021 minutes as amended. The Board approved the February 3, 2021, the corrected November 4, 2021, and the corrected January 20, 2021 minutes.

### PUBLIC HEARING: 15 McGrath Highway

*(continued from March 3, 2021)*

Mike Gerhardt (Leggat McCall Properties) appeared and requested a continuance to the next meeting. Chair Fontano asked about the procedural history of this case and whether it had been previously opened. Ms. Leis said it was advertised for September 30<sup>th</sup> and the applicant requested a continuance at that time. The minutes from that meeting do not indicate that the case was opened. The applicant has requested continuances at every hearing it was scheduled for since September.

Mr. Gerhardt said they were again requesting a continuance so they can continue to work with neighbors to the East and West and with various community groups to make sure that their concerns about the proposal are addressed.

The Board and Staff discussed when this case was opened by the Board and the circumstances that typically lead a case to be re-advertised.

Chair Fontano told the applicant that a continuance every two weeks is not acceptable. The applicant can request a continuance further out, if needed. Mr. Gerhardt asked for a continuance to April 14, 2021. The Board confirmed that they would prefer the applicant request a continuance to a date when they will actually be ready to present.

Following a motion by Clerk Evans, seconded by Mr. Safdie, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to continue to April 14, 2021.

**RESULT:**

**CONTINUED TO 04/14/21**

*NOTICE: These minutes constitute a summary of the votes and key discussions at this meeting. To review a full recording, please contact the Planning & Zoning Division at [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).*