



City of Somerville

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

APRIL 14, 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>Absent</i>	
Anne Brockelman	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Elaine Severino	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Katherine Garavaglia	Alternate	<i>Absent</i>	

City staff present: Charlotte Leis (Planning & Zoning)

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm and adjourned at 6:27pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: 51 Central Street

Crystal Lee, applicant, was present along with the owners, Blaine and Morgan Strickland. Ms. Lee said the owners would like to add a bedroom to their 2-bedroom unit but is restricted by Condition #1 of the special permit.

Chair Fontano asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment; none did.

Ms. Severino asked if there were any existing egress windows in the living room. Ms. Lee said there are not any windows in the living room, just two windows in the new bedroom.

Ms. Brockelman asked why this requires a revision to the special permit. Ms. Leis said that the previous special permit was effectively closed out, but to avoid the possibility of violating a permit condition a revision was required.

Clerk Evans said she believed this condition was related to the parking requirements under the old ordinance and has no issues with revising the condition as requested. Chair Fontano agreed.

Following a motion by Clerk Evans, seconded by Ms. Brockelman, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the revised condition as recommended by the Staff Memo dated April 8, 2021.

RESULT:

APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARING: 15 McGrath Highway

Mike Gerhardt gave an update on the status of the project and the work being done with the neighbors to be ready for a public hearing.

Following a motion by Clerk Evans, seconded by Ms. Brockelman, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to continue the case to April 28, 2021.

RESULT:

CONTINUED

Following a motion by Clerk Evans, seconded by Ms. Brockelman, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn.

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.