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Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020
Teleconference

This meeting was open to the public and began approximately 9:05am.

Architectural Access Board member attendance:

Walter White – Chair (WW)
Jeffrey Dougan (JD)
Mary Mahon McCauley (MM)
Dawn Guarriello (DG)
Patricia Mendez (PM)
Harold Rhodes (HR)

Division of Professional Licensure Employees attendance:

William Joyce – AAB Executive Director (WJ)
James Plotkin – Legal Counsel (JP)
Marc Lesser – Compliance Officer (ML)

WW opened the meeting for Roll Call:

JD, DG, PM & HR Present;

1. 9:06 AM V20-143: 113 Brattle St., Cambridge

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to grant on the condition of having adequate wayfinding to the elevator by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation / Carried

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant by DG

2nd by JD

By Acclamation / Carried

2. 9:21 AM V20-145 – Upper Falls Greenway, Newton

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant with appropriate wayfinding signage and compliance with Stair section by MM

2nd by DG

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3. 9:41 AM V20-147 – 74 North Main St., Attleboro:





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WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Packet by DG

2nd by JD

By Acclamation / Carried

4. 9:42 AM V20-148 – 29 Brattle St., Cambridge:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant on the condition the auto door control not be on the slope or glass surface by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation / Carried

5. 9:43 AM V20-149 – 128 Chandler St., Worcester:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to continue for applicant to submit alternatives for accessible routes from parking lot and Chandler St with cost presentations by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation / Carried

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant on condition of inner handrail to be provided by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation / Carried

Motion to advise, through Board staff, that the applicant be made aware that winder stairs have been noted and compliance options have not been presented by JD

2nd by PM

By Acclamation / Carried

6. 10:06 AM Hearing declared with regard to the Annual MBTA Presentation – Waverly Commuter Rail Train Station, (C12-033 & V13-076)

WW introduced Board and established procedures. Participants – Jillian Linnel, Katie Choe, Desiree Patrice, Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Samantha Silverberg, Vikram Dogra, Laura Brelsford, Rob Sampson, Michael Muehe are sworn in. Letter received August 28, 2020 is noted and accepted as Exhibit #1. Ms. Brelsford, Samantha Silverberg present project information. Questions and Discussion:

Motion to Accept the update from the MBTA by JD





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2nd by DG

By Roll Call: MM/Y; DG/Y; PM/Y; HR/Y – Motion Carried

Short Break – 5 minute

7. 11:44 AM V12-150 – 239 West St., Pittsfield:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to advise applicant that, as this location is for employee use only, AAB jurisdiction does not extend to this use ‘at this time’ by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation / Carried

8. 11:51 AM V20-152 – 617 7th St., Boston:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to continue for consideration of a vertical lift cost and location with least disruption by JD

2nd by HR

By Acclamation / Carried

Lunch Break

9. 13:11 PM V19-154 – 1350 North St., Walpole:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant by DG

2nd by HR

By Acclamation / Carried

10. 13:13 PM V19-155 – 144 West Britannia St., Taunton:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to continue for further information and comparison toward the use of 3rd floor space in conjunction with the ‘Vault’ on the 1st floor with documenting how to request access by JD

2nd by PM

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11. 13:28 PM V20-156 – 355 Hanover St., Boston:





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WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to move to hearing by PM

2nd by JD

By Acclamation / Carried

12. 13:41 PM V20-158 – One Westminster Ave., Roxbury:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to continue for further information on the proposed heights and clearances of what will be installed for Board to review by JD

2nd by PM

By Acclamation / Carried

13. 13:44 PM V20-164 – 501 Congress St., Boston:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Grant with the condition that the Board reviews updated lease policy language that is clearly stipulating a tenant's ability to request a change to the height of the threshold at no cost to the tenant be provided, by JD

2nd by DG

By Acclamation

14. 13:52 PM V19-002 – 580 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge:

WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to accept the status report by JD

2nd by PM

By Acclamation / Carried

15. 13:54 PM V19-268 – 33 Harvard Way, Boston

WJ presented documentation - discussion

Motion to accept the status report by JD

2nd by PM

By Acclamation / Carried

16. 13:55 PM V20-112 – 25-27 Berkshire St., Cambridge:





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WJ presented documentation – discussion:

Motion to Deny the variance request and allow the installation of a lift HR
2nd by “None declared” – Motion fails

Motion to grant with the condition of having appropriate structure and wiring to receive the
installation of a lift without structural change and that documentation of advertising for sale of same
be available for AAB review by PM
2nd by JD
By Roll Call: MM/Y; DG/Y; PM/Y; HR/N – Motion Carried

2 minute break

17. 14:20 PM V20-141 – 14 Roosevelt Towers, Cambridge
Motion to Deny the variance and not have open risers by MM
2nd by HR
Roll Call: MM/Y; DG/Y; PM/Y; HR/Y – Motion Carried

Motion to Grant relief of handrail extensions by HR
2nd by JD
By Acclamation / Carried

Motion to Grant on the condition that handrails that are less than 1 ½” or less are remedied to equal the
minimum requirement by JD
2nd by PM
After discussion - Motion withdrawn by JD

Move to continue for staff to request information on cost of fixing the less than 1 ½” special
requirements by HR
2nd by JD
By Acclamation / Carried

18. 14:46 PM - ADVISORY:





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Multi-Story Club house building

WJ presented documentation and would this building count as having an unrelated use

Motion to packet by HR

2nd by JD

By Acclamation / Carried

19. 14:48 PM – DECISIONS:

First Parish Church

Motion to Accept by JD

2nd by PM

By Acclamation / Carried

End of meeting noted 14:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

John E. Hill, Jr.
Program Coordinator III
Division of Professional Licensure

