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## **Minutes**

BBRS Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB)
Meeting Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams-Meeting
March 21, 2023

Meeting Called to order by the Chairman Michael McDowell, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Roll call:

## **Board Members Present:**

John Couture Michael McDowell, Chairman Kent Vinson

## **Guests Present:**

See sign-in sheet for each case:

1. Case Number: 23-0017

Appellant: Nick Ostrowski (Owner-Boston Medical Center)
Property Address: 801 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA. 02118

**Summary of Case:** Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 1010.1.9, with respect to

an existing building.

John Couture made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Kent Vinson, to **GRANT** a variance from **780 CMR 1010.1.9**. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

2. Case Number: 23-0018

Appellant: Semehar Tesfaye

Property Address: 46 Elsie Avenue, Billerica, MA. 01821

Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 51.00, R302.6, R305.1.1,

R309.1, R309.3, R322 and R405.1, with respect to an existing building.

John Couture made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Kent Vinson, to **AFFIRM** the Building Permit Denial (thus the BCAB concurred with the Building Official's findings and analysis) and to **DENY** the appeal The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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3. Case Number: 23-0020

Appellant: Jeremy Roche (Owner-City of Fitchburg)
Property Address: 98 Academy Street, Fitchburg, MA. 01420

**Summary of Case:** Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 1010.1.9, 1010.1.9.1,

1010.1.9.2, 1010.1.9.3 and 1010.1.9.5, with respect to an existing building.

Kent Vinson made a MOTION that was SECONDED by John Couture, to DENY granting the requested variances from 780 CMR 1010.1.9, 1010.1.9.1, 1010.1.9.2, 1010.1.9.3, and 1010.1.9.5. It was a TWO to ONE vote, McDowell was opposed.

4. Case Number: 23-0021

Appellant: Ned Kaiser (Owner-Mattapoisett Boat Yard)
Property Address: 32-34 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett, MA. 02739

**Summary of Case:** Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 104.10.1 and 780 CMR

1612.4, with respect to new construction.

Kent Vinson made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by John Couture, to **GRANT** variances from **780 CMR 104.10.1** and **780 CMR 1612.4**. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.