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**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

**BOARD OF APPEAL**

**City Hall Room 801**

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## **HEARING MINUTES**

Board Chair Dong called the meeting to order promptly at 9:30 AM and commenced with a brief description of the hearing process and, pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, advised those in attendance that the hearings would be broadcast and recorded and hearing minutes would be kept. The Chair announced that the hearing was being conducted remotely via an online meeting platform and subject to the below advisory which was part of the publicly posted hearing agenda. The Board members then commenced with discussion of the following Agenda items which were announced on the record by Board Secretary Norm Stembridge:

**PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING APPEALS TO BE HEARD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM AND RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED ON THIS SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 HEARING AGENDA HAVE BEEN NOTICED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENABLING ACT.**

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**the address and/or BOA number of the appeal on which you wish to speak, and if you wish to speak in support of or opposition to the project.**

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### **EXTENSIONS: 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA- 1144121 Address: 405 Washington Street Ward 17 Applicant: Joseph Feaster, Jr**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 17, 2024.

**Case: BOA-1215852 Address: 892 East Broadway Ward 6 Applicant: Derric Small, Esq**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 3, 2024.

**Case: BOA-897172 Address: 509 East Fifth Street Ward 6 Applicant: George Morancy, Esq**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 17, 2024.

**Case: BOA-919609 Address: 25-37 Frankfort Street Ward 1 Applicant: George Morancy, Esq**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 19, 2024.

**Case: BOA-919610 Address: 120 Gove Street Ward 1 Applicant: George Morancy, Esq**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 22, 2024.

**Case: BOA-878714 Address: 72 Dresser Street Ward 6 Applicant: Matthew Eckel, Esq**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 22, 2024.

**Case: BOA-928836 Address: 28 Monument Square Ward 2 Applicant: Jeff Harris**

**Discussion/ Votes:** Upon a motion and a second the Board granted an extension until September 22, 2024.

### **BOARD FINAL ARBITER: 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA-835348 Address: 883 Hyde Park Avenue Ward 18 Applicant: EVG Farms, LLC (Sean Berte)**

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the name on the permit.

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1132440 Address: 133 Boardman Street Ward 1 Applicant: Derric Small, Esq**

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to remove any provisos for hatch access to the roof.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Local neighborhood associations are in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Whewell moved to approve with BPDA design review. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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### **RE-DISCUSSION : 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA-1484677 Address: 109 Rutherford Avenue Ward 2 Applicant: Judith Brennan**

**Article(s):** Article 62, Section 8 Rear yard insufficient. Article 62, Section 8 Usable open space insufficient. Article 62, Section 8 Bldg Height Excessive (Feet) Roof hatch head house Art. 62 Sec. 29 Off street parking insufficient Off street Parking insufficient Article 62, Section 8 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Add'l lot insufficient.

**Purpose:** The proposed structure is a three story, three family residential home. There is one unit on each floor with designated storage space in the basement. Each unit consists of 1,434 sq/ft of living space with two bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. The primary means of ingress and egress is the front door facing Rutherford Ave. The front door leads to a vestibule with access to the basement and a stairwell servicing all three floors and the roof. On the roof, will be a roof deck with access limited to the third-floor apartment. The roof deck will be accessed by a hatch. Each apartment will have a back deck with a second means of egress via an exterior staircase from the deck.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to erect a new 3 story3 unit residential dwelling with roof deck

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Coletta is in support and an abutter is in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **HEARINGS: 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA- 1498769 Address: 38 Allston Street Ward 2 Applicant: Jeremy Stivaletta**

**Article(s):** Article 62, Section 8 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 62, Section 8 Rear Yard Insufficient

**Purpose:** Finishing basement for extension of living space to unit #1, add rear decks and exterior stairs to existing roof deck. ALT1456692.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to finish the basement of the existing and increase to 3 units.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Coletta and abutters are in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,



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**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1443339 Address: 228-230 Friend Street Ward 3 Applicant: Gray MacLethie**

**Article(s):** Aft.25 Flood Hazard District Nonresidential/Pre-existing Art. 32 Sec. 32 4 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District, Applicability Art. 46, Section 9 MFR ZONE

**Purpose:** Demolish existing 2 story building. Erect a new 7 story building with 6 residential units and 600 sqft commercial on first floor.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to add a new 6 story dwelling with 4 balconies in the rear.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flynn and a local association is in support. BGWT letters are on file.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve with 4 provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA- 1478073 Address: 526 East Seventh Street Ward 7 Applicant: Shayne Ferrara**

**Article(s):** Article 68, Section 8 Side Yard Insufficient Art 68 Sec 29 Roof Structure Restrictions - Alteration existing roof profile

**Purpose:** Install new Roof deck same size and location as prior deck.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to remove previous unpermitted roof deck and replace with a new one.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty is in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barazza moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1512482 Address: 244 L Street Ward 7 Applicant: Matthew Brett Homegrown Builders LLC**

**Article(s):** Art 68 Sec 29 Roof Structure Restrictions - Max allowed height on parcel exceeded Art 68 Sec 8 Insufficient rear yard setback Art 68 Sec 8 Location of All Front entrance not facing front lot line located on L street Art. 29 Sec. 04 Greenbelt Protection Overlay District Applicability

**Purpose:** The construction of a new building containing seven dwelling units with below ground car parking (14) on a 10,970 sqft parcel located at 244 L st, South Boston. There is an existing single-family dwelling to be razed on a separate demolition permit.



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**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to construct a new 7 unit dwelling.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilors Flynn, Flaherty and the city point association is in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barazza moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1404028 Address: 30 Juniper Street Ward 9 Applicant: Social Impact Collective, Inc**

**Article(s):** Article 50, Section 29 Lot Frontage Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 50, Section 29 Front Yard Insufficient Article 50, Section 43 Off Street Parking & Loading Req

**Purpose:** Conversion of attic space in existing 2 family home into Extended Living Area (ELA) of owner-occupied Unit 2. ELA front entrance located on 2nd floor of building's common stairwell; rear stair connects directly to Unit 2. ELA to have kitchen/living area, full bathroom, 1 bedroom, 1 office, laundry.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to convert the attic of the existing 2 family.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barazza moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1446356 Address: 22-24 Albion Street Ward 18 Applicant: Vernon Woodworth**

**Article:** Article 9 Section 1 Extension of Nonconforming Use

**Purpose:** Amending alt1397494. to install a new 14 by 15 roof deck to existing low roof.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to add a new roof deck on to an existing dwelling with stairs, and second egress

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Whewell moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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**Case: BOA-1416018 Address: 1955-1975 Beacon Street Ward 21 Applicant: HVV Massachusetts, Inc.-  
CANNABIS**

**Article(s):** Article 51 Section 16 Use Regulations - Cannabis establishment. Provided that any cannabis establishment shall be sited at least one-half mile or 2,640 feet from another existing cannabis establishment and at least 500 feet from a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12. Distances shall be determined from the nearest lot line of the proposed establishment to the nearest lot line of an existing establishment or school. Use shall be applicable to the applicant only, otherwise forbidden. Article 51 Section 16 Use Regulations - Cannabis retail use: conditional. Article 51 Section 16 Use Regulations - Cannabis accessory storage basement level. Conditional use

**Purpose:** Change occupancy from Restaurant with #37 and #36A to a Cannabis Establishment. Also, to renovate.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the occupancy from a restaurant to a cannabis establishment.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. The BAIA and Rep Moran are in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**HEARINGS:11:00AM**

**Case: BOA-1406273 Address: 6 Brooks Street Ward 1 Applicant: Thomas Walsh**

**Article(s):** Art. 32 Sec. 04 GCOD Applicability Art. 09 Sec. 01 Reconstruction/Extension of Nonconforming Bldg. - Extensions>25% forbidden Article 27T - 5 East Boston IPOD Applicability Art.53 Sec. 08 Use: Forbidden Art. 53 Sec. 56 Off Street Parking - Insufficient parking Article 53 Section 9 Insufficient additional lot area per unit Article 53 Section 9 Insufficient open space Article 53 Section 9 Excessive f.a.r. Article 53 Section 9 Excessive height Article 53 Section 9 Side yard Article 53 Section 9 Rear yard Article 53, Section 9 Front yard

**Purpose:** Seeking to change the occupancy from 3 residential units and 1 retail space to 6 residential units and 1 retail space. Also, to renovate the building and erect additions

**Discussion/Vote:** The applicant requested a deferral. Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to defer this matter until October 17, 2023.

**Case: BOA-1482748 Address: 247 Shawmut Avenue Ward 3 Applicant: Peter Vanderweil**

**Article(s):** Art 64.9.4 Town/Rowhouse extension into rear Art.64 Sec.09 Floor Area Ratio is Excessive

**Purpose:** Install dormer in rear of top floor unit per submitted design drawings. Hardy plank siding, 2 windows to match adjacent windows, rubber roof on dormer.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to add a new dormer on a top level of an existing dwelling.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve with BLC and PR review. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.





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**Case: BOA- 1513036 Address: 25 Colebrook Street Ward 7 Applicant: James Christopher**

**Article(s):** Article 68, Section 8 Lot Area Insufficient Article 68, Section 8 Rear Yard Insufficient Article 68, Section 8 Side Yard Insufficient Article 68, Section 8 Front Yard Insufficient Article 68, Section 8 Floor Area Ratio Excessive

**Purpose:** To erect a 3-story addition on top of the existing lower-level basement for an at grade garage and single-family dwelling above as per plans

**Discussion/Vote:** The applicant requested a deferral. Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to defer this matter until September 26, 2023.

**Case: BOA-1419819 Address: 30 Dimock Street Ward 11 Applicant: The Dimmock Center**

**Article(s):** Article 50 Section 24 Use: Conditional Clinic Conditional Article 9, Section 2 Change in Non-Conforming Use - Existing offices remaining.

**Purpose:** Change of Use. Change of basement occupancy from Daycare to Clinic (Vaccination Center)

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the daycare to clinic use

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1291555 Address: 18 Birchcroft Road Ward 18 Applicant: Said Ennaya**

**Article(s):** Article 69, Section 9 Lot Area Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 69, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories) Article 69, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Feet) Article 69, Section 9 Front Yard Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient Article 69 Section 29 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Off street parking is insufficient

**Purpose:** Tear down an existing single-family house to build a new 2 family house.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to demo the existing 1 family and erect a 2 family.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Abutters are in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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**Case: BOA-1477573 Address: 28A Ridlon Road Ward 18 Applicant: David Bello**

**Article(s):** Article 69, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 69 Section 30 Application of Dimensional Req Does not meet dimensional requirements lot was created in April 1894 Article 69, Section 9 Lot Width Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Lot Frontage Insufficient Article 69, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive

**Purpose:** Erect a one family dwelling Create two parking spaces in the rear.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to erect a new 1 family dwelling with 2 off street spaces

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve with BPDA design review. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1483633 Address: 753 American Legion Highway Ward 18 Applicant: James Heffernan**

**Article(s):** Article 67, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 67, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient

**Purpose:** Install concrete block retaining wall, see attached retaining wall plans & plot plan for reference.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to add new retaining wall

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1502802 Address: 76 Ashford Street Ward 21 Applicant: Rise Construction**

**Article(s):** Article 51, Section 19 Use: Forbidden Multifamily use Article 51, Section 20 FAR Max. allowed: 1 Proposed: 6.23 Article 51, Section 20 Max. building height allowed: 35' Proposed: 215' Article 51, Section 20 Min. usable open space: 50x254 units = 12,700 sqft Proposed: 2,790 sqft

**Purpose:** Erect a 17-story building with approximately 254 housing units, up to 63 off street vehicle parking spaces, and ground floor retail space. Existing structure to be razed under separate permit.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to approve 254 housing units.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Carpenters union is in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Whewell moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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## **RE-DISCUSSIONS :11:30 AM**

**Case: BOA#1475953 Address: 169 Maverick Street Ward 1 Applicant: Trichilo Development, LLC**

Purpose: Erect addition, renovate, and change occupancy from three (3) to four (4) residential units with rear and roof decks.

Violation: Violation Description: 9th 780 CMR 1006 Number of Exits and Exit Access Doorwa

Violation Comments:ART.IBC Table 1006.3.2(1) Fourth stories above grade: Not Permitted.

**Reason for Prior Deferral: The Board moved to defer.**

**Discussion/Vote:** The applicant requested a deferral. Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to defer this matter.

**Case: BOA- 1435105 Address: 5 Swift Terrace Ward 1 Applicant: Marc LaCasse, Esq**

**Article(s):** Article 53, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient Article 53, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive

Article 53, Section 56 Off Street Parking & Loading Req Article 27T 5East Boston IPOD Applicability - ARTICLE 27T  
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**Purpose:** Demolish existing structures on separate permit. Construct new 7 unit dwelling with parking for 5 vehicles; 3 private roof decks; basement storage.

**Reason for Prior Deferral: This was deferred to allow time for community process and to re-advertise the updated plans**

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to demo the current.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. An abutter is in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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**Case: BOA- 1481099 Address: 222 Bowen Street Ward 6 Applicant: Anthony Monahan**

**Article(s):** Art 68 Sec 29 Roof Structure Restrictions - Max allowed height on parcel exceeded Art. 68 Sec. 33 Off Street parking Req. - Maneuvering areas Art 68 Sec 8 Insufficient lot area per unit 1000/unit req. Art 68 Sec 8 Excessive f.a.r 2.0. max. Art 68 Sec 8 Excessive height in sub district 40' max Art 68 Sec 8 Insufficient open space 200sf/unit Art 68 Sec 8 Insufficient front yard setback 5' minimum (Note side walk narrower than 39") Art. 68 Sec.08 Insufficient front yard setback 5' minimum (Note side walk narrower than 39") Art.68 Sec. 33 Off Street Loading Req. - Insufficient parking unit

**Purpose:** Erect new 4-unit residential building with 2 full parking spots, per plans \* Clarification: Combine Parcel #'s 0600999000 and 0600998000 and Erect a new Four story, 4-unit residential building with two private roof decks and 2 full parking spots per plans on the newly created lot consisting of 2,289sf. \*Existing structures to be razed on a separate permit demolition application w/article 85 approval.

**Reason for Prior Deferral: This was deferred with a recommendation by the BPDA to allow for them to review the new plans and make changes.**

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to combine 2 parcels and raze existing.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilors Flynn and Flaherty are in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1391838 Address: 18R Plain Street Ward 16 Applicant: David Higgins**

**Article(s):** Article 65, Section 42.13 Two or More Dwellings on Same Lot Article 65, Section 9 Lot Width Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Lot Area Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Lot Frontage Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories) Article 65, Section 9 Front Yard Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient

**Purpose:** Erect New Single Family Home: Per Plans.

**Reason for Prior Deferral: This was deferred because the first two motions failed. The third motion was to defer which carried.**

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to erect a new 1 family. The Board found that the setbacks were reasonable.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. An abutter is in support, and abutters and Councilor Baker are in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Barraza moved to approve with BPDA design review. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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## **HEARINGS: 1:00PM**

**Case: BOA-1465504 Address: 9 Armory Street Ward 2 Applicant: Kendrick LLC**

**Article(s):** Art. 62 Sec. 08 Insufficient lot width Art. 62 Sec. 08 Insufficient lot width frontage Art. 62 Sec. 08 Insufficient usable open space Art. 62 Sec. 08 Insufficient side yard setback Art. 62 Sec. 30 Insufficient rear yard setback of structure on Shallow lot

**Purpose:** Erect one family (three story) attached building on existing (1,112sf) vacant lot as per plans filed herewith. Building to be used for one family building after construction. NDOD zoning overlay

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to erect a new 3 story 1 family dwelling on a dead end street

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. A Rep for abutters is in opposition.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Whewell moved to approve, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1484079 Address: 46 Montgomery Street Ward 4 Applicant: David Watson**

**Article:** Art. 32 Sec. 32 4 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District, Applicability

**Purpose:** Change occupancy from two family to single family dwelling, add a roof deck, and renovate per plans. (V458662 will be corrected upon completion of the scope of work.)

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the occupancy from a 2 family to a 1 family.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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**Case: BOA#1501802 Address: 46 Montgomery Street Ward 4 Applicant: David Watson**

Purpose: Change occupancy from two family to single family dwelling, add a roof deck, and renovate per plans. (V458662 will be corrected upon completion of the scope of work.)

Violation: Violation Description Violation Comments

9th 780 CMR 1011 Stairways1011.12.2 Roof access shall be through a penthouse.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the occupancy from a 2 family to a 1 family.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve with provisos. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Case: BOA-1480829 Address: 15 Revere Street Ward 5 Applicant: Irving Revere, LLC**

**Article(s):** Art. 23 Sec. 01 Off street parking requirements - Extra parking required: 0.7 spaces/unit Total: 1.4 spaces  
Article 13, Section 1 Usable Open Space Insufficient - Extra open spaces required: 150sqft/unit Total: 300 sqft

**Purpose:** Change Occupancy from "10 Dwelling Units, Laundry & Office" to "12 Dwelling Units".

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the occupancy to a 10 residential unit dwelling

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Whewell moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimous

**Case: BOA-1447612 Address: 591 Albany Street Ward 8 Applicant: Rebecca Rutenberg-CANNABIS**

**Article:** Article 64, Section 15 Use: Conditional - Change of Occupancy from Medical Marijuana Treatment Center to Cannabis Establishment for Medical and Adult Use (Recreational).

**Purpose:** Change of Occupancy from Medical Marijuana Treatment Center to Cannabis Establishment (medical + recreational). No construction proposed.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to change the occupancy to a cannabis establishment

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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**Case: BOA-1485817 Address: 521 Cambridge Street Ward 21 Applicant: John Walsh**

**Article(s):** Article 51 Section 16 Use Regulations - Units on first floor: Conditional use. Article 51 Section 17 Floor Area Ration Max. allowed: 1 Proposed: 3.65 Article 51 Section 17 Max. height allowed: 35' Proposed: 66' 2" Article 51 Section 17 Min. rear yard required: 20' Proposed: 5' Art. 51.52 Specific Design Requirements -51.52.1 Street Wall continuity Article 51, Section 56 Off Street Parking Insufficient -Min. parking spaces required: 2spaces/unit. Total required: 66 spaces. Proposed: 0 Article 51, Section 56 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Loading bays required: 1 Proposed: 0

**Purpose:** Erect 6 story residential building consisting of 33 apartments. In conjunction with ALT1445173 and ALT1451585 to combine 2 lots into 1.

**Discussion:** The applicant is seeking to erect a 33 residential dwelling building.

The Board asked about the plans, proposal

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke on the community process and deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Breadon, an abutter, and the carpenters union are in support.

**Documents:** Building plans,

**Votes:** Board member Valencia moved to approve with BPDA design review. Stembridge seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



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