



**BAY STATE ROAD/BACK BAY WEST AREA
ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

April 12, 2022

Commissioners Present: *Pamela Beale, Terri North and Ruel Longfellow.*

Commissioners Absent: *Thomas Hotaling and Victor Themo.*

Staff Present: *Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review*

5:17 PM: Commissioner Beale called the public hearing to order. She explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. Following this brief introduction she called the first agenda item.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

22.0920 BSR

58 Deerfield Street: Replace existing light pole and install DAS node.

Project Representative: Kennan Brinn.

Documents Presented: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of details, plans, and photos of the existing conditions.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the fact that the proposed DAS node is different from those previously approved by the Commission on Bay State Road, specifically in that instead of a base for equipment, equipment is mounted on the shaft of the pole.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. North motioned to approve the application with provisos. R. Longfellow seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 (Y: PB, RL, TN) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).

- **The DAS node must have a cabinet base instead of equipment mounted to the shaft to maintain consistency on the street.**

22.0982 BSR

477 Commonwealth Avenue: At existing rooftop addition: remove existing elevator penthouse and exposed supporting steel structural beams attached to the shared party wall; raise roof; replace door; install standing-seam copper cladding; and install a chiller with a mechanical screen on three sides.

Project Representatives: Steve Mieke and Kelsey Kaiser

Documents Presented: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of details, plans, and photos of the existing conditions.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the fact that removal of the existing elevator penthouse and supporting steel structural beams will improve the overall appearance of this building; and that the increased height of the existing addition will not have a negative impact on the design of the building or the historic character of this area of the district.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. North motioned to approve the application as submitted. R. Longfellow seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 (Y: PB, RL, TN) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

22.1009 BSR **21-23 Bav State Road:** At rear elevation replace deteriorated decking and railings at existing decks.

22.1031 BSR **21 Bay State Road:** At front façade replace existing signage at entry.

T. North motioned to approve the Administrative Review/Approval applications as submitted. R. Longfellow seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 (Y: PB, RL, TN) (N: None) (Abstentions: None)

III. RATIFICATION OF 3/8/2022 MEETING MINUTES

T. North motioned to approve the Hearing Minutes as submitted. R. Longfellow seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 (Y: PB, RL, TN) (N: None) (Abstentions: None)

IV. Staff Updates

There were no staff updates.

V. Adjourn – 5:37 PM

T. North motioned to adjourn the hearing. R. Longfellow seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 (Y: PB, RL, TN) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).