



Tuesday, December 5, 2023

BOARD OF APPEAL

City Hall Room 801

## 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 Stenbridge:

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**ALL MATTERS LISTED ON THIS DECEMBER 5, 2023 HEARING AGENDA HAVE BEEN NOTICED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENABLING ACT.**

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**EXTENSIONS: 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA- 1252953 Address: 595-603 Newbury Street Ward 5 Applicant: Richard Lynds, Esq**

**Discussion/Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to grant an extension until January 7, 2025.

**Case: BOA-657089 Address:157-157A Howard Avenue Ward 13 Applicant: Lisa Beasley**

**Discussion/Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to grant an extension until December 5, 2025.

**Case: BOA-1069147 Address: 235 Condor Street Ward 1 Applicant: Richard Lynds, Esq**

**Discussion/Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to grant an extension until December 5, 2024.

**Case: BOA-759563 Address: 80 Marginal Street Ward 1 Applicant: Richard Lynds, Esq**

**Discussion/Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to grant an extension until December 15, 2024.

**HEARINGS: 9:30AM**

**Case: BOA-1527713 Address: 112-114 Chelsea Street Ward 1 Applicant: Exequiel Loja**

**Article:** Art. 06 Sec. 04 Other Protectional Conditions - Accessory take out restaurent Condition Use

**Purpose:** Retail store renovation for Nutrition 3 and fit out with a product prep demonstration counter per plans submitted (Note: Not a BAR nor a Restaraunt w/take out).

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy from a 3 family and a story with an accessory take out to use as product preparation.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Coletta is in support.



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**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case:** BOA-1537620 **Address:** 31 Stuart Street **Ward** 3 **Applicant:** George Morancy

**Article:** Article 32, Section 4. GCOD, Applicability - Groundwater Conservation Overlay District Applicability

**Purpose:** Change occupancy from Restaurant with Live Entertainment & 1 Family (707/2008) to Restaurant with Live Entertainment & 4 Family and renovate upstairs residential.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy from a restaurant to an entertainment with 4 family above.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve the proposal.

**Case:** BOA-1506912 **Address:** 845 Albany Street **Ward** 8 **Applicant:** Brewster Ambulance Service INC

**Article:** Art. 50, Section 32 Use: Conditional - Garage with Dispatch Conditional

**Purpose:** Change of occupancy from "fur cleaning and storage" to ambulance parking garage and dispatch.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy to ambulance parking and dispatch.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Baker is in support.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case:** BOA-1535538 **Address:** 2 Sargent Street **Ward** 13 **Applicant:** Melissa DaRosa

**Article:** Article 50, Section 29 - Lot Area Insufficient Article 50, Section 44.13 - Two or More Dwellings on Same Lot

**Purpose:** Two family in conjunction with ALT for Two Dwelling on one lot

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy from a 2 to a 3 family dwelling on a corner lot.

Board members asked about the plans, ADU

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.



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**Case: BOA-1517694 Address: 2R Sargent Street Ward 13 Applicant: Melissa DaRosa**

**Article(s):** Art. 50, Section 43 Off-Street Parking Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Lot Area Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Lot Width Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Lot Frontage Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Side Yard Insufficient Article 50, Section 29 Rear Yard Insufficient Article 50, Section 44.13 Two or More Dwellings on Same Lot

**Purpose:** Confirm occupancy as Accessory Carriage house and change to a Detached Single-Family Dwelling; ADU 2.0. Scope includes creating a new side entry door for secondary egress and interior renovations to create independent living space.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to confirm the carriage house and change the occupancy as a ADU. This is on a corner lot making the conditions unique.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve .

**Case: BOA-1508144 Address: 60 Alban Street Ward 17 Applicant: Andrea Dietrich**

**Article(s):** Article 65, Section 9 - Rear Yard Insufficient Article 65, Section 42 Application of Dimensional Req - Two or More Dwellings on the Same Lot

**Purpose:** Existing Single-Family Dwelling on Lot. There will be a 2nd Dwelling built to the rear of existing building.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to add a seconded dwelling build off the rear of the existing dwelling.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Worrell, a local neighborhood association, and an abutter are in support. An abutter is in opposition.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case: BOA-1522969 Address: 45 Milton Avenue Ward 17 Applicant: ONYX Management & Development**

**Article(s):** Art. 65 Sec. 08 Forbidden - MFR use Forbidden in the Zone Art. 65 Sec. 9 Residential Dimensional Reg.s - Excessive f.a.r. Art. 65 Sec. 9 Residential Dimensional Reg.s - Number of allowed stories has been exceeded

**Purpose:** Erect a three story six-unit dwelling complex on newly created 10800sf lot with off street parking for 9 vehicles in rear yard. This combined parcel will be 10,800 sf (see ALT1202780, ALT1202781, ALT1202782). Existing dwelling and two sheds to be razed on separate permit(s).

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to combine 3 lots and build a 3 story 6 unit dwelling with 9 off street parking spaces.



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Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilors Murphy, Flaherty, and the carpenters union are in support. Councilor Worrell deferred judgement to the Board. And Abutters and a location neighborhood association are in opposition.

**Votes:** The first motion to deny without prejudice failed. Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with BPDA design review.

### **HEARINGS: 11:00AM**

**Case: BOA-1536940 Address: 8 Old Road Ward 14 Applicant: Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center-ARTICLE 80**

**Article(s):** Article 60, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 60, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Feet) Article 60, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Lot Area Insufficient Article 60, Section 8 Use: Forbidden Article 60, Section 8 Use: Conditional Article 60, Section 40 Off Street Parking & Loading Req Article 60, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Front Yard Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Side yard Insufficient

**Purpose:** This new health center building will be built across 3 parcels: 8 Old Road, 14 Ellington Street, and 16 Ellington Street (the former two are owned by the City). to combine 14 16 Ellington St to now be known as 8 old Rd. The health center will be three stories without a basement, approximately 42,300 SF. The parcels are currently vacant or used for parking.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to erect a new 3 story addition on existing garage structure. The foundation is existing.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilors Flynn, Flaherty, and Collins are in opposition. Abutters are also in opposition.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with BPDA design review.

**Case: BOA- 1539444 Address: 808 Morton Street Ward 14 Applicant: Timothy Johnson**

**Article(s):** Article 60, Section 9 Lot Area Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Article 60, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 60, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 60, Section 8 Use: Forbidden

**Purpose:** On a vacant parcel, erect a 3 story, 4 unit residential building w/rear balconies, side garden patios and 4 off street parking spaces as per plans submitted.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to erect a 3 story 4 unit with 4 parking spaces and new curb cut.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans



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**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Worrell deferred to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with permeable pavers and no building code relief for accessibility.

**Case: BOA-1507893 Address: 1809-1813 Dorchester Avenue Ward 16 Applicant: George Morancy-ARTICLE 80**

**Article(s):** Article 65, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Feet) Article 65, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 65, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories) Article 65, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 65, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Art. 65 Sec. 42 Conformity with Existing Building Alignment Article 65 Section 42.3 Traffic Visibility Across Corner Art. 65 Sec. 41 Off street parking requirements Art. 65 Sec. 41 Off St. Loading Req'mnts

**Purpose:** Combine Parcels 1601490000 & 1601489020 to erect a new four story mixed use building to contain 26 dwelling units, one ground level Local Retail (Core/Shell), and common roof deck. Existing commercial building to be razed on separate permit.

**Discussion/Vote:** At the request of the applicant the Board voted to defer the hearing until January 9, 2024.

**Case: BOA-1521739 Address: 7 Brown Terrace Ward 19 Applicant: John Pulgini**

**Article(s):** Art. 09 Sec. 01 Extension of Non Conforming Use - Adding additional units in the basement Article 55, Section 8 MFR is Forbidden in a 3F 500 Sub district Article 55, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Article 55, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 55, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 55, Section 40 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Off street parking is insufficient

**Purpose:** Existing 6 family apartment building (9 Seaverns Ave) to be combined with existing 6 family 11 Seaverns to create one building with (12) residential units. The scope includes renovating unfinished basement into 4 new units. Basement to be fully sprinklered. for a total of 16 units.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to combine 2, 6 unit dwellings to create a 12 unit dwelling.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty and the carpenters union are in support.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with the proviso that the applicant go through the Mayors Office of Housing to record the IDP unit.

**Case: BOA-1521740 Address: 11 Seaverns Avenue Ward 19 Applicant: John Pulgini**

**Article(s):** Art. 09 Sec. 01 Extension of Non Conforming Use - Adding additional units in the basement Article 55, Section 8 MFR is Forbidden in a 3F 500 Sub district Article 55, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Article 55, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 55, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 55, Section 40 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Off street parking is insufficient

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**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to combine 2, 6 unit dwellings to create a 12 unit dwelling.



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Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty and the carpenters union are in support.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with the proviso that the applicant go through the Mayors Office of Housing to record the IDP unit.

**Case: BOA-1521747 Address: 5-7 Brown Terrace Ward 19 Applicant: John Pulgini**

**Article(s):** Art. 09 Sec. 01 Extension of Non Conforming Use Adding additional units in the basement Article 55, Section 8 MFR is Forbidden in a 3F 500 Sub district Article 55, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Article 55, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 55, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 55, Section 40 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Off street parking is insufficient

**Purpose:** Existing 6 family apartment building (9 Seaverns Ave) to be combined with existing 6 family 11 Seaverns to create one building with (12) residential units. The scope includes renovating unfinished basement into 4 new units. Basement to be fully sprinklered. for a total of 16 units.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to combine 2, 6 unit dwellings to create a 12 unit dwelling.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty and the carpenters union are in support.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with the proviso that the applicant go through the Mayors Office of Housing to record the IDP unit.

**Case: BOA-1521753 Address: 9-11 Seaverns Avenue Ward 19 Applicant: John Pulgini**

**Article(s):** Art. 09 Sec. 01 Extension of Non Conforming Use - Adding additional units in the basement Article 55, Section 8 MFR is Forbidden in a 3F 500 Sub district Article 55, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient Article 55, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 55, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient Article 55, Section 40 Off Street Parking & Loading Req - Off street parking is insufficient

**Purpose:** Existing 6 family apartment building(9 Seaverns Ave) to be combined with existing 6 family 11 Seaverns to create one building with (12) residential units. The scope includes renovating unfinished basement into 4 new units. Basement to be fully sprinklered. for a total of 16 units.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to combine 2, 6 unit dwellings to create a 12 unit dwelling.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty and the carpenters union are in support.



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**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with the proviso that the applicant go through the Mayors Office of Housing to record the IDP unit.

**Case: BOA-1523210 Address: 84 Prince Street Ward 19 Applicant: Robert Boxer**

**Article(s):** Article 55, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive - FAR Excessive. Art. 55 Sec. 09 Dimensional Regulations - Side yard Insufficient. Art. 09 Sec. 01 Reconstruction/Extension of Nonconforming Bldg - Extension of non conforming use.

**Purpose:** Full gut renovation, addition, new windows new stucco siding, new electrical, new plumbing, new HVAC,

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to renovate an abandoned building to turn it residential and use the basement space as a living room.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve

**Case: BOA-1533227 Address: 29 Orange Street Ward 20 Applicant: Ivan Hernandez**

**Article(s):** Art. 10 Sec. 01 Limitation of parking areas - Side yard buffer required -(5' min.) Article 67 Section 32 Off-Street Parking & Loading Req 4) Proposed parking in portion of required front yard Article 67, Section 32 Off-Street Parking - Tandem parking design results in insufficient parking and clear maneuvering areas Article 67, Section 9 Dimensional Regulations - Insufficient additional lot area per unit- 8,000sf total min. lot size required Article 67, Section 9 Dimensional Regulations - Excessive f.a.r. - .5 max

**Purpose:** Building new 2 family duplex home

**Discussion/Vote:** At the request of the applicant the Board voted to defer the hearing until January 9, 2024.

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

**Case: BOA-1428422 Address: 551 East Seventh Street Ward 7 Applicant: Stuart Mullally**

**Article(s):** Art 68 Sec 29 Roof Structure Restrictions - Pre-established maximum height allowed on parcel exceeded Art 68 Sec 8 Dim reg app in res sub dist - Insufficient rear yard setback (Created via new submission 4.23.25) Art. 68 Sec. 33 Off Street parking Req. - Insufficient parking (Created via revised submission 4.25.23) Art. 68 Sec. 33 Off Street parking Req. - Manuevering areas/Design Article 68, Section 8 Dimensional Regulations Insufficient minimum lot area per unit

**Purpose:** Erect a new 3 story 3 family house as per plans, existing building to be razed under separate permit. 4.25.23 5' easement established on proposed survey.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to erect a new 3 story 3 family dwelling and plant new trees and include rear balconies. The Board noted that the applicant made a lot of changes that the BPDA recommended.

Board members asked about the plans, trees

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans



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**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Flaherty and Flynn are in support. An abutter is in opposition.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with the proviso that the applicant go through the Mayors Office of Housing to record the IDP unit.

**Case: BOA-1451588 Address: 33 Pearl Street Ward 13 Applicant: Patrick Mulligan**

**Article(s):** Art.65 Sec. 8 Use: Forbidden - Forbidden Use: MFR in 6 units Article 65, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories) - Building height excessive (stories) Article 65, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive - FAR Excessive. Article 65, Section 9.2 Dim Regs: Location of Main Entrance - The main entrance of a dwelling unit shall face the front lot line.

**Purpose:** Seeking to raze the existing structure (demo to occur on separate permit) and erect a new residential building with 6 units and 8 parking spaces.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to raze the existing and erect a new 6 family dwelling.

Board members asked about the plans, proposal.

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. Councilor Baker is in support. An abutter is in opposition.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with BTB review.

**Case: BOA-1530302 Address: 4459 Washington Street Ward 20 Applicant: Jon Wardwell**

**Article(s):** Art. 10 Sec. 01 Limitation of parking areas - 5' side yard buffer/required front yard of a corner lot. Art. 67 Sec. 09 Open Space insufficient Art. 67 Sec. 09 Side Yard Insufficient

Article 2, Section 2-1 Definitions - Existing Floor area gross redistribution and conversion to habitable space/mechanical areas throughout other parts of the structure- Conditional Article 67, Section 32 Off-Street Parking & Loading Req Insufficient parking Article 67, Section 32 Off-Street Parking & Loading Req Size of space design Article 67, Section 8 Use Regulations - MFR use -Forbidden in a two-family sub-district Article 67, Section 9 Insufficient rear yard setback- 40' req. Article 67, Section 9 max allowed number of stories exceeded- 2.5 story max. Article 67, Section 9 Excessive f.a.r.- .5 max

**Purpose:** Change of occupancy form a 3 family to a MFR dwelling consisting of 8 units with seven parking spaces per plan submitted

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy from a 3 family to an 8 family condo unit dwelling with 7 off street parking spaces in the rear.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve with BTB review.



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

**Case: BOA-1522495 Address: 3 Hamlet Street Ward 7 Applicant: M & T Construction & Design**

**Article:** Article 65, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive - FAR Excessive.

**Purpose:** Basement renovation to add extra livable space to the first floor unit. One bathroom, one sink, an office room, and storage. Framing, floor, insulation, sheetrock, finishes, electrical and plumbing work.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to add living space in the basement but not bedrooms.

Board members asked about the plans, ceiling height,

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case: BOA-1527656 Address: 54 Semont Road Ward 16 Applicant: Timothy Burke**

**Article:** Article 65, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive - FAR Excessive.

**Purpose:** Amend ALT1321053 to include enclosing the rear porches on the Second and Third floors for habitable space.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to enclose rear porches to allow for more livable space on an unusual lot shape.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board. An abutter deferred to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case: BOA-1537925 Address: 22 Freeman Street Ward 16 Applicant: Hiep Chu**

**Article(s):** Art. 55 Sec. 65 41 Off Street parking insufficient - Required 1.5 space per unit. Proposed zero Art.65 Sec. 8 Use: Forbidden- MFR Forbidden Use: 14 Units Article 65, Section 9 Add'l Lot Area Insufficient - Required 1,500 sq.ft. Add'l unit Article 65, Section 9 Usable Open Space Insufficient - Required 300 sq.ft. per Dwelling unit Article 65, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient - Required 5 ft. Proposed 3ft. left side/ 4ft. right side Article 65, Section 9 Rear Yard Insufficient - Required 15ft. Proposed 5' 11" Article 65, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories) - Allowed 3 stories. Proposed 5 stories height Article 65, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive - Allowed 1.3 FAR. Proposed 2.56 FAR Article 65 Section 42.3 Traffic Visibility Across Corner

**Purpose:** Vacant lot, build new 14 studio units

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to erect a new 14 unit dwelling on a vacant lot that is MBTA accessible. The Board noted that the density was appropriate because it is right next to an MBTA station.

Board members asked about the plans, height, view



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**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

**Testimony:** The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgement to the Board.

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

**Case: BOA-1538261 Address: 215-217 Brighton Avenue Ward 21 Applicant: Derric Small**

**Article(s):** Aft. 51 Sec.16 Forbidden Use - Restaurant use 2nd flr - forbidden Aft. 51 Sec. 16 Forbidden Use - Live entertainment after 10:30pm 1st and second floor- Forbidden Article 51, Section 16 Restaurant use 1st flr -Conditional

**Purpose:** Change the legal occupancy from offices and auto parts sales to a restaurant with take out and live entertainment.

**Discussion:** At the request of the Board, the applicant presented plans and described the proposed project in detail to change the occupancy to include a restaurant with take-out and live entertainment.

Board members asked about the plans

**Documents/Exhibits:** Building Plans

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

**Votes:** Upon a motion and a second, the Board moved to approve.

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