

MINUTES

THURSDAY, June 18, 2020 – 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 869-6475-7241

Approved July 16, 2020

As a result of the COVID19 pandemic, on March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issued an emergency “*Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, S20*”, allowing meeting of public bodies to be conducted virtually provided that adequate access is provided to the public.

Pursuant to notice published at least 48 hours prior to this date, a meeting of the Needham Board of Appeals was held remotely on Zoom on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:30pm. Jon D. Schneider, Chairman, presided and the following members were present: Jonathan D. Tamkin, Howard Goldman, Kathy Lind Berardi and Peter Friedenbergl. Mr. Schneider opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Tamkin motioned to approve the minutes of April 30, 2020. Mr. Goldman seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Case #1	52 Coulton Park	Approved
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Case #2	18 Highland Circle	Approved
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Informational Item	Temporary Outdoor Seating and Outdoor Display Policy
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Temporary Outdoor Seating Policy - Daphne Collins, Board staff, reported that in response to the challenges faced from the pandemic by the Town’s restaurant business community, the Select Board and the Planning Board adopted a temporary seating policy to allow the creation of outdoor dining spaces on public open spaces, sidewalks and on on-street parking spaces; and for restaurants to create additional temporary outdoor seating.

Managed by the Town Manager’s Office, the application is a simple one-page electronic application along with a measured drawing of the proposed outdoor seating. Each application is reviewed for compliance by the Town Manager’s Office and the Fire, Police, Health, and Building Departments.

The Zoning Board of Appeals office is notified on any restaurant business that applies holding a Special Permit issued by the Board. Chef Mike, 73 Highland Avenue and Baker’s Best, 150 Gould Street, have applied under the policy.

The permit process takes one week versus three months for a traditional Special Permit through the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. The Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit is good until November 1, 2020.

A summary of the discussions on each subject, a list of the documents and other exhibits used at the meeting, the decisions made, and the actions taken at each meeting, including a record of all votes, are set forth in a detailed decision signed by the members voting on the subject and filed with the Town Clerk. The hearings can be viewed at <http://www.needhamchannel.org/watch-programs/>

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Daphne M. Collins, Zoning Specialist