

**MELROSE BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
Public Hearing
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
7:45p.m.
Aldermanic Chamber, Melrose City Hall, 562 Main Street**

Present:

James Bradley
Curtis Dooling, II
Rita Mercado, *Chair*
Bryan Thorp

Absent:

Krista Lillis, *Associate*
David Roache

Staff Present: Lori Massa

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.

CASES BEFORE THE BOARD

**CASE 18 021: The appeal of Charles W. Shippee
161 Boston Rock Road**

As advertised, case 18-021, was for a Special Permit under Section 235-17 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish an in-law apartment in the single-family dwelling owned by Charles and Anne Shippee at 161 Boston Rock Road, Melrose, MA, on a lot of land containing 26,300 sf and shown on Assessor's Map C5 0 100.

The Board of Appeals opened the case. The Chair swore in the Applicants and those choosing to speak at the hearing. Charles W. Shippee appeared to explain the proposal. No one appeared at the hearing to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

The Board voted, 4-0, to approve the requested Special Permit.

Documents: ZBA Application 18-021

**CASE 18 023: The appeal of Abdelhakim & Marie Raoui
5-8 Fields Court**

As advertised, case 18-023, was for a Variance from Section 235-44.B of the Zoning Ordinance to extend a nonconforming 4-family use by constructing a deck with a roof and landings and stairs in the rear of 5-8 Fields Court, Melrose, MA, on a lot of land containing 5,600 sf and shown on Assessor's Map C7 0 99.

The Board of Appeals opened the case. The Chair swore in the Applicants and those choosing to speak at the hearing. Abdelhakim and Marie Raoui, and their contractor, Roderick Rivera, appeared to explain the proposal. One person, Daniel McDermott, appeared to speak in support this application. The Applicant submitted a letter of support that 19 neighbors signed.

Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

The Board voted, 4-0, to approve the requested Variance.

Documents: ZBA Application 18-023

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thorp made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 10, 2018. Mr. Dooling seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. None were opposed.

The Board approved the tentative meeting dates for 2019. October 16 is the only meeting scheduled for the third Wednesday, and not the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.