

**MELROSE BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Remote Meeting**

**Present:**

Rita Mercado, *Chair*  
Megan Carriere, *Associate*  
Curtis Dooling, II  
Katherine Moore  
David Roache  
Bryan Thorp

**Absent:**

Julianna Hanlon, *Associate*

**Staff Present:** Lori Massa, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting were found on the City of Melrose's website, at [www.cityofmelrose.org/remote-meetings](http://www.cityofmelrose.org/remote-meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public could adequately access the proceedings in real time, or in the event that we are unable to do so, on the mmtv3.org website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings was posted as soon as possible after the meeting. A link was also available on [www.cityofmelrose.org](http://www.cityofmelrose.org).

Application materials were posted to the City's website: [www.cityofmelrose.org/board-appeals](http://www.cityofmelrose.org/board-appeals).

**CASES BEFORE THE BOARD**

**21 005 – 62 Slayton Road**

The appeal of Jeffrey Reed for Variances from §235-18, -19 & -44.G of the Zoning Ordinance to alter the second story of the single-family in the nonconforming front and rear yards at 62 Slayton Road, Melrose, MA, on a lot of land containing 7,081 sf and shown on Assessor's Map H7 0 9.

Applicant Jeffrey Reed appeared remotely to explain the proposal. Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

By roll call the Board voted, 5-0, to grant the requested Variances.

Documents: ZBA Application 21-005

### **21 006 – 330 West Emerson Street**

The appeal of Paul Casey for Variances from §235-18, -19 & -44.G of the Zoning Ordinance for a deck in nonconforming side yard on the single-family dwelling at 330 West Emerson Street, Melrose, MA, owned by Eileen Casey, on a lot of land containing 7,800 sf and shown on Assessor's Map A9 0 75.

Applicant Paul Casey appeared remotely to explain the proposal. Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

By roll call the Board voted, 5-0, to grant the requested Variance.

Documents: ZBA Application 21-006

### **21 007 – 1 Birch Hill Road**

The appeal of Joseph Sullivan for Variances from §235-18, -19 & -44.G of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a two-story addition on the single-family house in the nonconforming rear yard on the corner lot at 1 Birch Hill Road, Melrose, MA, on a lot of land containing 6, 137 sf and shown on Assessor's Map F5 0 34.

Applicant Joseph Sullivan appeared remotely to explain the proposal. Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

Ms. Mercado recused herself for this case. By roll call the Board voted, 5-0, to grant the requested Variance.

Documents: ZBA Application 21-007

### **21 008 – 25 Oakland Street**

The appeal of Caroline Himamshu for Variances from §235-18, -19, & 44.G of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a portico in the nonconforming front yard on the single-family house at 25 Oakland Street, Melrose, MA, on a lot of land containing 4,940 sf and shown on Assessor's Map B9 0 41.

Applicants Caroline and Varun Himamshu appeared remotely to explain the proposal. Information regarding the hearing and the Board's discussion regarding the proposal and findings are documented in the decision for the case.

By roll call the Board voted, 5-0, to grant the requested Variance.

Documents: ZBA Application 21-008

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Thorp made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 10, March 24 and April 14, 2021. Mr. Dooling seconded the motion. By roll call the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the minutes.

The next meeting is set for May 12, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.