



**BAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

August 12, 2025

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
(9/9/2025)

Commissioners Present: Craig Douglas, Katherine Nelson, Lora Shea

Commissioners Absent: Steve Dunwell, Anne Kilguss, Senam Kumahia

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review, Jacqueline Vanegas, Preservation Planner

4:05 PM: C.Douglas the public hearing to order. He 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. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. Following this brief introduction C.Douglas called the first agenda item.

I. RATIFICATION OF 6/10/2025 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Commissioner K.Nelson motioned to approve the Hearing Minutes as submitted. L.Shea seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: CD, KN, LS) (N: 0) (ABS: 0).

II ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

APP # 26.0053BV 18 SHAWMUT STREET:

Proposed Work: At front facade repoint and repair masonry.

Commissioner K.Nelson motioned to approve the application as submitted. L.Shea seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: CD, KN, LS) (N: 0).

III ADVISORY REVIEW

APP # 26.0010 BV 138 ARLINGTON STREET:

Applicant: Lawrence DiCara

Proposed Work: Demolition of existing building and construction of new residential building.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Anthony Pisani, Stephen Cohen, Josh Cohen, Lawrence DiCara

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included photos of existing

conditions, renderings, and plans for the proposed work.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included an overview of the existing conditions, history of the building, and design of the proposed building. Commissioners made comments on the proposed design – including the interior and exterior of the building; in addition to the proposed building's relation to other existing structures on Arlington and Melrose street. The proposed features of the building – including the projecting bay windows and base design of the building were discussed in an effort to encourage consistency with the historic character within the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment

III. STAFF UPDATES

Staff introduced a new preservation planner – Jacqueline Vanegas for the Bay Village Historic District. Staff also notified the Commission that a new attendance policy was introduced for Commissioners.

IV. Adjourn – 4:46 PM