



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
**PLANNING BOARD**

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

Case No: PB#168, Minor Amendment #3  
Address: 75 Amherst Street  
Zoning: Industry B District  
Owners/Applicants: Massachusetts Institute of Technology,  
77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. 02139  
Application Date: August 25, 2000  
Public Hearing: September 12, 2000  
Planning Board Decision: September 12, 2000  
Date of Filing Decision: September 28, 2000  
Date of Minor Amendment #1: September 3, 2002  
Date of Minor Amendment #2: September 2, 2003  
**Date of Minor Amendment #3: September 7, 2004**

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**Documents Submitted**

Letter to Barbara Shaw, Chair of the Planning Board, from Kelley Brown, Senior Project Planner at MIT, dated 8/11/04, outlining the request for the extension.

**Discussion**

At the regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting of September 7, 2003, John Curry, Executive Vice President, William J. Mitchell, Academic Head, Program in Media Arts and Sciences and Kelley Brown, Senior Project Manager for the Department of Facilities, at MIT, presented the request for an extension of the Special Permit for one year. The applicant explained that while the project continues to move towards applying for a building permit, the demolition work required has been completed, all the utilities have been relocated, and fundraising to support the construction of the building continues.

**Findings**

As required in Section 10.46, the Planning Board finds good cause why the approved construction has not been initiated. The site has been cleared and the utilities have been relocated in anticipation of the start of construction of the building indicating the permittee's commitment to implement the Special Permit conditions. The current

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CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

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02139  
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**Documents Submitted**

Letter to Tom Anninger, Chair of the Planning Board, from Kelley Brown, Senior Project Planner at MIT, dated 8/22/02, outlining the request for the extension.

**Discussion**

At the regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting of September 3, 2002. Kelley Brown. Senior Project Manager for the Department of Facilities. at MIT, presented the request for an extension of the Special Permit for one year. The applicant explained that while the project had been moving towards applying for a building permit, and had completed the demolition work required, the funding and permanent financing has

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not been secured. MIT and the Media Lab have confidence that the necessary funds will be in place within the one-year period.

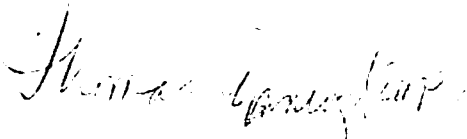
### **Findings**

As required in Section 10.46, the Planning Board finds good cause why the approved construction has not been initiated. The site has been cleared and the utilities have been relocated in anticipation of the start of construction of the building indicating the permittee's commitment to implement the Special Permit conditions. The current difficult climate for the raising of funds to finance the construction of the building is real and sufficient good cause to support extension of the applicability of the Special Permit.

### **Determination**

The Planning Board GRANTS the requested Minor Amendment extending the date of expiration of the Special Permit to September 28, 2003. Voting to grant the Minor Amendment were, T. Anninger, L. Brown, B. Shaw, W. Tibbs, H. Russell, F. Darwin, and L. Stanley, Associate Member appointed to replace absent Planning Board member.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Anninger, Chair