

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL Compute, Cambridge MA 02139

# **BZA Application Form**

**BZA Number: 195058** 

# **General Information**

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

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Special Permit: _	Variance:X	Appeal:						
PETITIONER: L	ubavitch of Cambridge Inc C/O Hirsc	<u>h Zarchi</u>						
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 38 banks street, Cambridge, MA 02138								
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: <u>245 Hampshire St , Cambridge, MA</u>								
TYPE OF OCCU	PANCY: Mixed use Building	ZONING DISTRICT: Business A Zone						
REASON FOR PETITION:								
/Relief from rear	set back /							
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL	<b>:</b>						
Extension of an e	existing permitted roof deck to the pro	perty line.						
SECTIONS OF 2	CONING ORDINANCE CITED:							
Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000	Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming S	·						
Article: 10.000	Section: 10.30 (Variance).	∫						
	Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner)						
		Hirsch Zarchi						
		(Print Name)						
	Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:	38 Banks Street 3474461365 mraskin@chabadharvard.org						
- See 1	9 2028							

# BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/We HIVSCH Zarchi
Address: 38 Banks St Cambridge MA 02 13 &
State that I/We own the property located at 743-245 Haupshire Steet,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of Cubavitch of Cambridge Inc.
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date h/3/coo, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 7/6523, Page 378; or Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No.
Book Page  SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Midlesta
The above-name <u>flisch Zarchi</u> personally appeared before me, this <u>15</u> of <u>Stikmy</u> , 20 <u>2</u> , and made oath that the above statement is true.
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My commission expires May 3, 2049 (Notary Seal).

• If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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## **BZA Application Form**

#### SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

# EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

The current deck is a hardship for it cannot appropriately service the buildings needs. Particularly in this age of COVID, when outdoor space is so essential for healthy living, convening, and working.

The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

NA

#### C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

This relief will have no adverse effect to any abutters or to the oublic as it wont be visible from the street.

2) Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

This relief will have no adverse effect to any abutter or to the community at large, and the deedback we got from the abbuters were all supportive.

\*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

# **BZA Application Form**

#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant: Lubavitch of Cambridge Inc

Present Use/Occupancy: Mixed use Building

Location:

245 Hampshire St, Cambridge, MA

Zone: Business A Zone

**Phone:** 3474461365

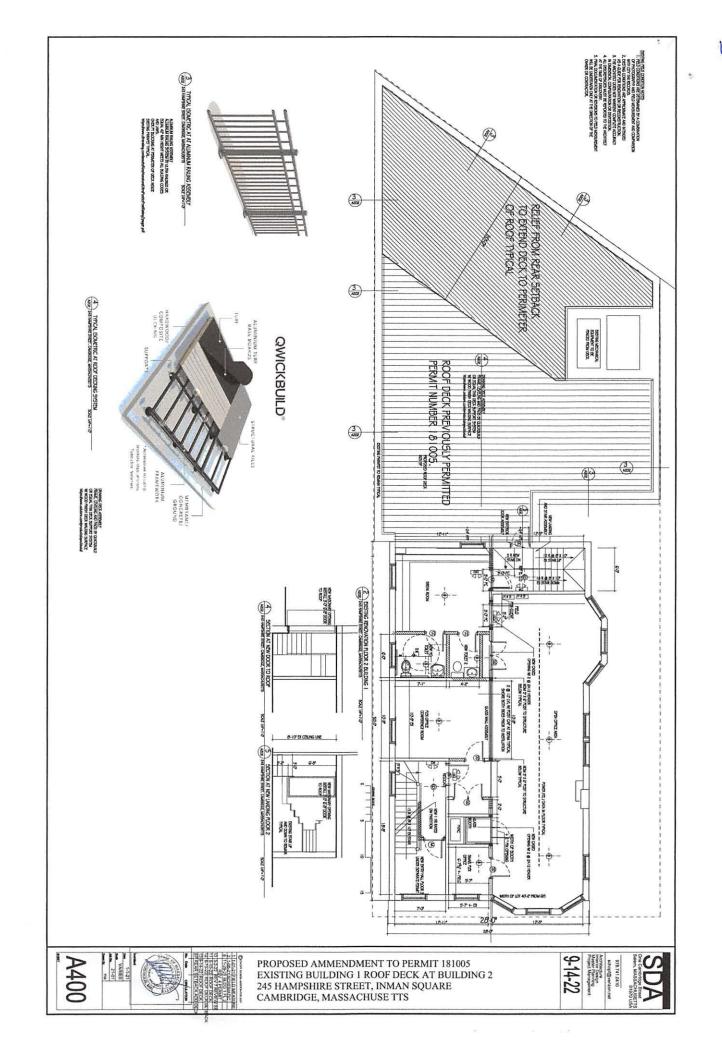
Requested Use/Occupancy: Mixed Use Builing

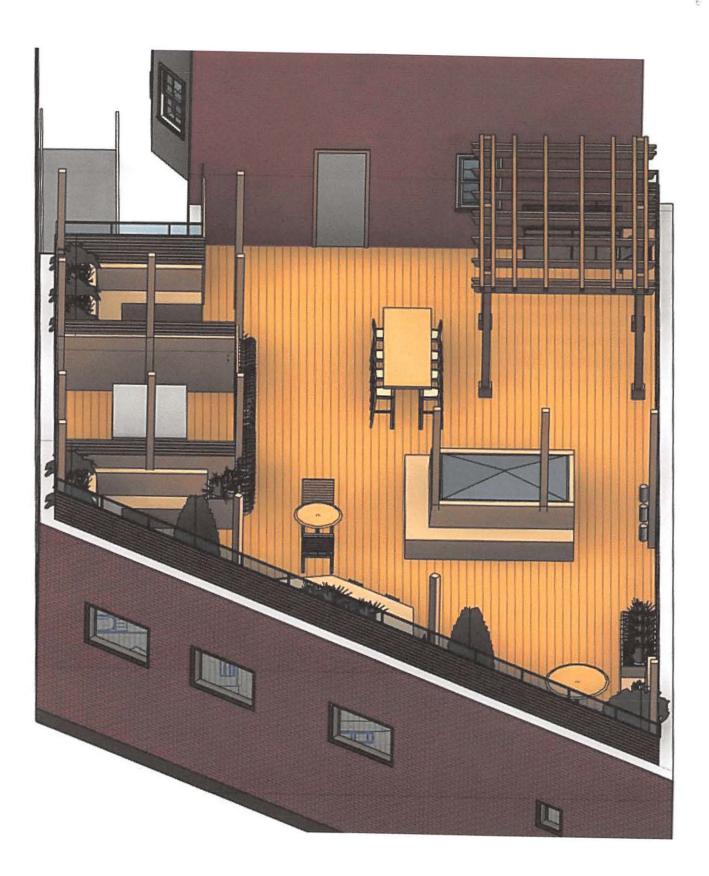
		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		900	1580	900	(max.)
LOT AREA:		EXISITING TO REMAIN	EXISITING TO REMAIN	EXISITING TO REMAIN	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	NA	NA	NA	
	DEPTH	NA	NA	NA	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0	0	0	
	REAR	0	0	0	
	LEFT SIDE	0	0	0	
	RIGHT SIDE	0	0	0	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
	WIDTH	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
	LENGTH	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO REMAIN	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	1	1	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		1 EXISTING	0	0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		1	1	1	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		NA	NA	NA	

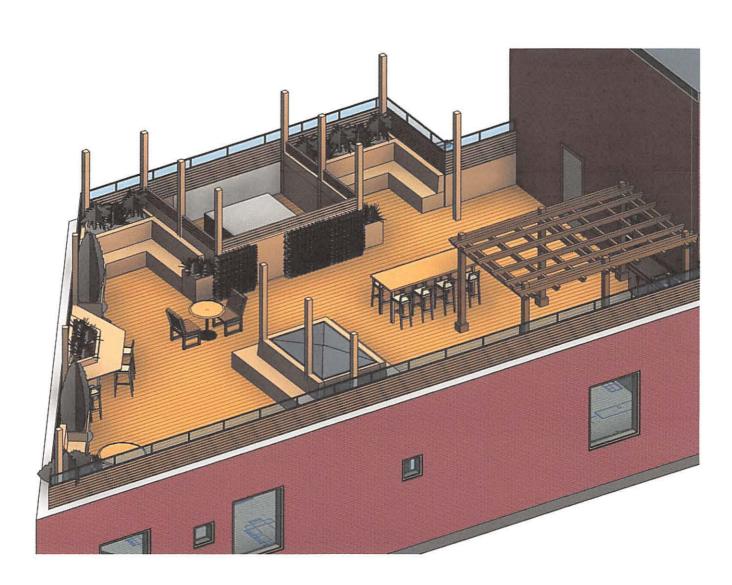
Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

#### OFFICE AND DAYCARE

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

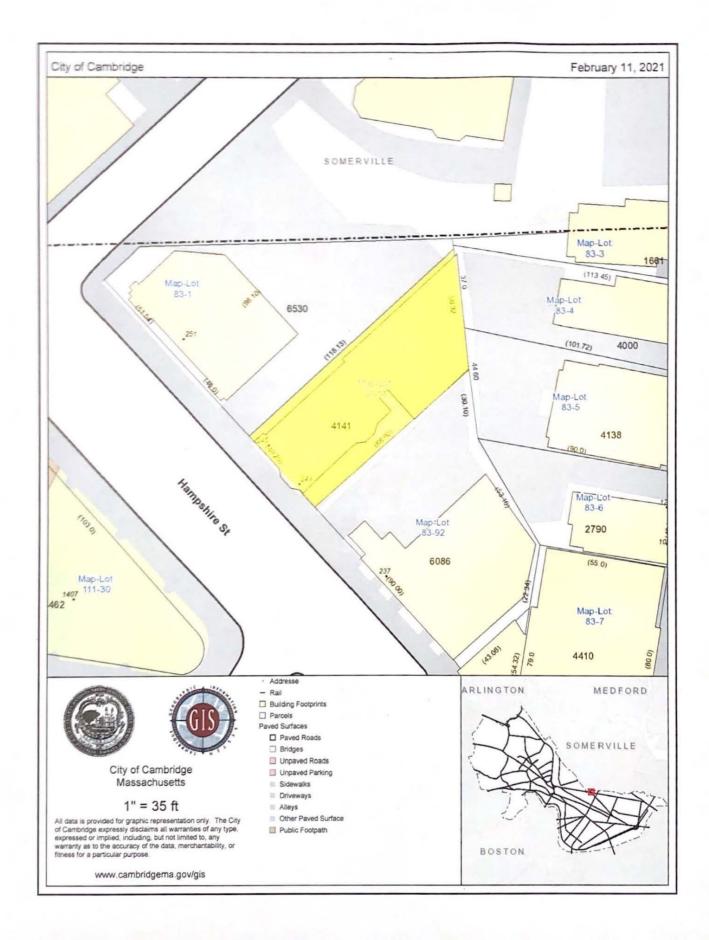


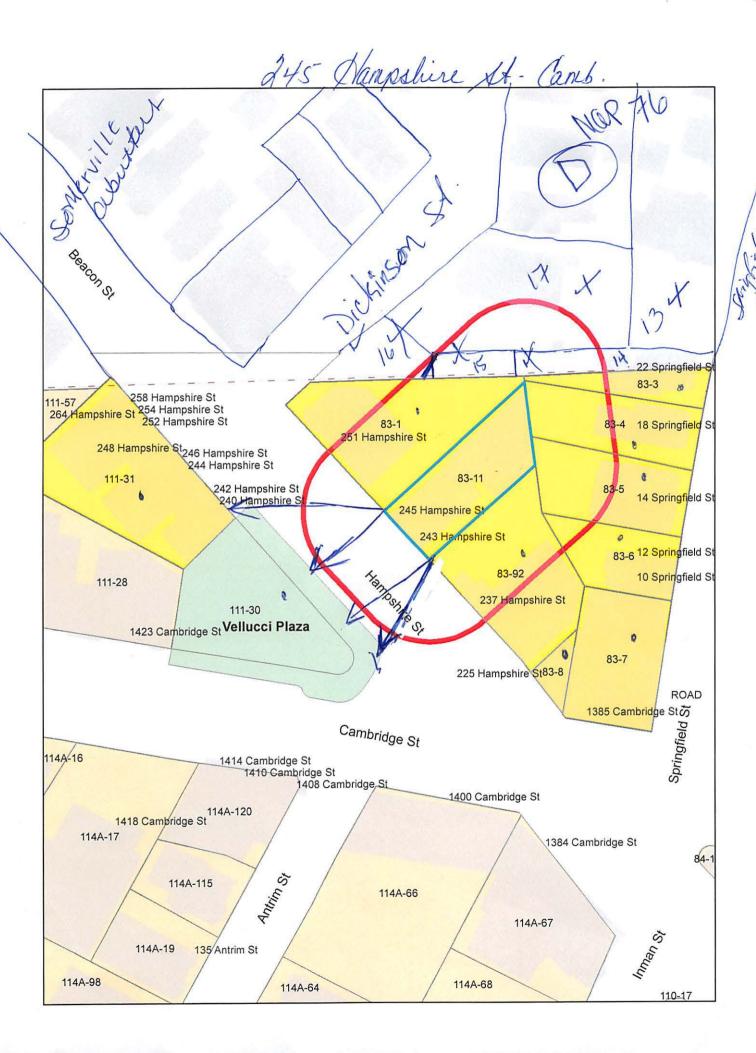




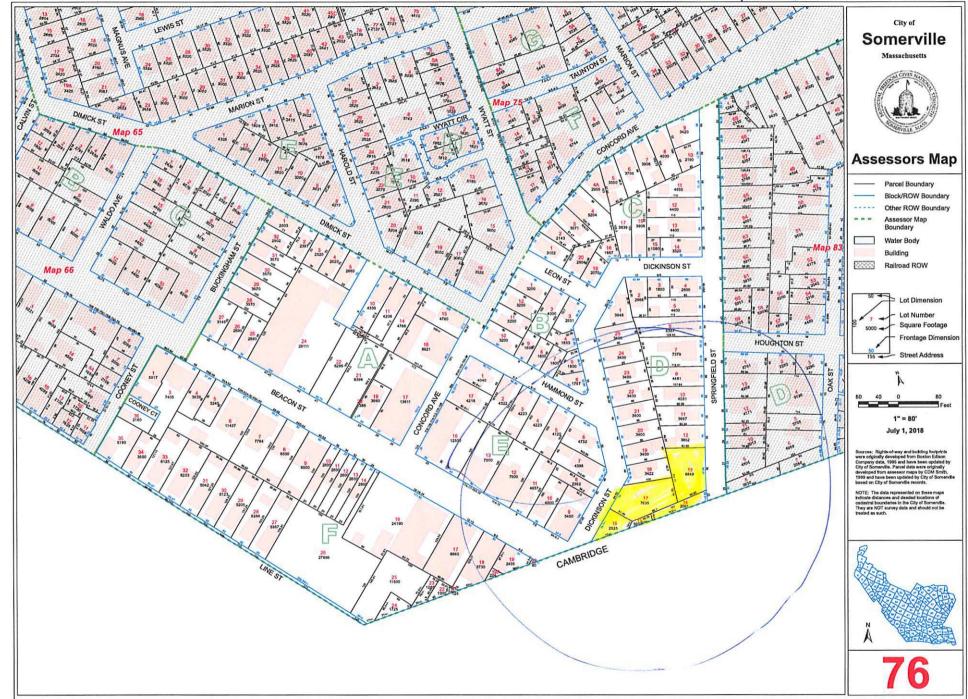








Somerville Map



245 Hangshire St.

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WEINMAN PROPERTIES,LLC 281 WABAN AVE WABAN, MA 02468

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LUBAVITCH OF CAMBRIDGE, INC.
C/O HIRSCH ZARCHI
38 BANKS STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION D/B/A
CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE
ATTN: MR. TOM LESLIE
1493 CAMBRIDGE ST
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

83-1 / 76-D-15 & 16 NAVEO CREDIT UNION 493 SOMERVILLE AVE SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

83-5 CERQUEIRA, JOSE B. & MARIA P. SOUSA 16 SPRINGFIELD ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

83-92 CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE 229 HAMPSHIRE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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76-D-13 PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CIVIC LEAGUE 26 SPRINGFIELD STREET SOMERVILE, MA 02143

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76-D-17-3 HARRY BROOKS WHELAN, JR. 52 DICKINSON STREET #3 SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 76-D-14 22 SPRINGFIELD LLC 5975 SUNSET DRIVE – SUITE 801 MIAMI, FL 33143 111-30 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O YI-AN HUANG CITY MANAGER

111-30 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O NANCY GLOWA CITY SOLICITOR

# **26 SPRINGFIELD ST**

Location **26 SPRINGFIELD ST**  Mblu 76/ D/ 13//

Acct# 99733070 Owner PORTUGUESE AMERICAN

**CIVIC LGUE** 

**Assessment** \$1,198,600

**PID** 1205

**Building Count** 1

#### **Current Value**

Assessment							
Valuation Year Improvements Land Total							
2022	\$415,300	\$783,300	\$1,198,600				

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner

PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CIVIC LGUE

Sale Price

\$0

Co-Owner **Address** 

**26 SPRINGFIELD ST** 

Certificate

**Book & Page** 

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Sale Date

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History							
Owner Sale Price Certificate Book & Page Sale Date							
PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CIVIC LIGUE	\$0						

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

1910

Living Area:

4,398

Replacement Cost:

\$708,638

**Building Percent Good:** 

**Replacement Cost** 

**Less Depreciation:** 

\$411,000

Building Attributes					
Field Description					
STYLE	Clubs/Lodges				
MODEL Commercial					

# **52 DICKINSON ST #1**

52 DICKINSON ST #1 Location

Mblu 76/ D/ 17/ 1/

Acct# 20081230

**COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR Owner** 

LIFE

Assessment \$483,300

PID 107352

**Building Count** 1

**Assessing District** 

#### **Current Value**

Assessment							
Valuation Year Improvements Land Total							
2022	\$483,300	\$0	\$483,300				

#### **Owner of Record**

**Owner** 

**COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR LIFE** 

Co-Owner COSTA JOSEPH MICHAEL

**Address 52 DICKINSON ST UNIT 1** 

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Sale Price \$1

Certificate

Book & Page 73562/56

Sale Date

10/30/2019

Instrument 1F

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History								
Owner Sale Price Certificate Book & Page Instrument Sale Date								
COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR LIFE	\$1		73562/ 56	1F	10/30/2019			
COLLINS COSTA JANET	\$0		DC118MEDF	1H	03/19/2010			
COSTA ARTHUR G & COSTA COLLINS JANET	\$1		46528/ 212	1F	11/22/2005			
COSTA JANET COLLINS	\$1		46528/ 210	1F	11/22/2005			
COSTA JOSEPH MICHAEL	\$1		46415/ 253	1A	11/03/2005			

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

1910

Living Area: Replacement Cost: 1,545 \$833,262

# **52 DICKINSON ST #2**

Location 52 DICKINSON ST #2

Mblu 76/ D/ 17/ 2/

Acct# 20081240

**Owner COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR** 

LIFE

**Assessment** \$482,600

PID 107353

**Building Count** 1

**Assessing District** 

#### **Current Value**

Assessment							
Valuation Year improvements Land Total							
2022	\$482,600	\$0	\$482,600				

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner

**COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR LIFE** 

Co-Owner COSTA MICHAEL THOMAS

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Address **52 DICKINSON ST UNIT 2**  Sale Price

Certificate

Book & Page 73562/66

\$1

Sale Date

10/30/2019

Instrument 1F

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History							
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date		
COLLINS COSTA JANET FOR LIFE	\$1		73562/ 66	1F	10/30/2019		
COSTA ARTHUR G & COLLINS JANET	\$1		46528/ 212	1F	11/22/2005		
COSTA JANET COLLINS	\$1		46528/ 210	1F	11/22/2005		
COSTA JOSEPH MICHAEL	\$1		46415/ 253	1A	11/03/2005		
COSTA ARTHUR G & COLLINS JANET	\$18,000		11702/ 628	00	01/19/1969		

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

1910

Living Area:

1,556

Replacement Cost:

\$832,016

# **52 DICKINSON ST #3**

Location 52 DICKINSON ST #3

Mblu 76/ D/ 17/ 3/

Acct# 20081250

Owner WHELAN JR HARRY BROOKS

**Assessment** \$784,600

PID 107354

**Building Count** 1

**Assessing District** 

#### **Current Value**

Assessment						
Valuation Year Improvements Land Total						
2022	\$784,600	\$0	\$784,600			

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner WHELAN JR HARRY BROOKS

Sale Price

\$100,000

Co-Owner Address

52 DICKINSON ST #3

Certificate

Book & Page 46994/039

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Sale Date 02/21/2006

Instrument

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#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History					
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
WHELAN JR HARRY BROOKS	\$100,000		46994/ 039	1N	02/21/2006
COSTA ARTHUR G & COLLINS JANET	\$1		46528/ 212	1F	11/22/2005

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

1910

Living Area:

1,646

Replacement Cost:

\$884,532

**Building Percent Good:** 

88

Replacement Cost

**Less Depreciation:** 

\$778,400

Building At	tributes
Field	Description

# 22 SPRINGFIELD ST

Location 22 SPRINGFIELD ST

Mblu 76/ D/ 14/ /

Acct# 04181160 Owner 22 SPRINGFIELD LLC

Assessment \$833,400

PID 12174

**Building Count** 1

#### **Current Value**

	Assessment		
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2022	\$432,100	\$401,300	\$833,400

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner

22 SPRINGFIELD LLC

Sale Price Certificate

\$1,108,500

Co-Owner Address

5975 SUNSET DRIVE SUITE 801

Book & Page

74067/292

MIAMI, FL 33143

01/31/2020

Sale Date Instrument

1G

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History					
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
22 SPRINGFIELD LLC	\$1,108,500		74067/ 292	1G	01/31/2020
MATOS ADELAIDE R	\$1		24802/ 510	1F	08/10/1994
DE MATOS FRANCISCO & ADELAIDE	\$0		9936/ 581		01/19/1961

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

1920

Living Area:

2,706

Replacement Cost:

\$939,336

**Building Percent Good:** 

46

Replacement Cost

Less Depreciation:

\$432,100

Building	Attributes
Field	Description

### **Building Photo**

**Building Photo** 

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# **DICKINSON ST**

Location **DICKINSON ST**  Mblu 76/ D/ 15/ /

Acct# 03097183 Owner **NAVEO CREDIT UNION** 

Assessment \$115,500 PID 1206

**Building Count** 1

#### **Current Value**

	Assessment		
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2022	\$900	\$114,600	\$115,500

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner **NAVEO CREDIT UNION**  Sale Price \$0

Co-Owner

Certificate

Address 493 SOMERVILLE AVE

Book & Page 12534/ 195

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Sale Date 01/19/1973

#### **Ownership History**

	Owners	ship History		
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Sale Date
NAVEO CREDIT UNION	\$0		12534/ 195	01/19/1973

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1: Section 1**

Year Built:

Living Area:

Replacement Cost:

\$0

**Building Percent Good:** 

Replacement Cost

Less Depreciation:

\$0

Building Attributes	
Field	Description
Style	Outbuildings
Model	

# **DICKINSON ST**

Location DICKINSON ST

Mblu 76/ D/ 16/ /

Acct# 03097182

Owner NAVEO CREDIT UNION

Assessment \$257,300

**PID** 1207

**Building Count** 1

#### **Current Value**

	Assessment		
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2022	\$3,900	\$253,400	\$257,300

#### **Owner of Record**

Owner NAVEO CREDIT UNION

**Sale Price** \$86,000

Co-Owner

Certificate

Address

493 SOMERVILLE AVE

**Book & Page** 12534/ 195

SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

Sale Date 01/19/1973

#### **Ownership History**

	Owners	hip History		
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Sale Date
NAVEO CREDIT UNION	\$86,000		12534/ 195	01/19/1973

#### **Building Information**

## **Building 1 : Section 1**

Year Built:

Living Area:

0

Replacement Cost:

\$0

**Building Percent Good:** 

**Replacement Cost** 

Less Depreciation:

\$0

Building Attributes	
Field	Description
Style	Outbuildings
Model	



# Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation **District Commission**

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Telephone: 617 349 4683 TTY: 617 349 6112 E-mail: histncds@cambridgema.gov www.cambridgema.gov/historic/districtsHistoricProperties/midcambridgencd
Tony Hsiao, <i>Chair</i> , Lestra Litchfield, <i>Vice Chair</i> Monika Pauli, Charles Redmon, Katinka Hakuta, Andrew Ognibene, <i>Members</i> Margaret McMahon, <i>Alternate</i>
CERTIFICATE OF NON-APPLICABILITY
Property: 245 Hampshire Street
Applicant: Alex Dorjets
The Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission hereby certifies, pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.140-270 of the Code of the City of Cambridge and the order establishing said district that the work described below does not involve any activity requiring issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness or Hardship:
Construct roof deck.
Permit #181005
All improvements shall be carried out as shown on the plans and specifications submitted by the applicant, except as modified above. Approved plans and specifications are incorporated by reference into this certificate.
This certificate is granted upon the condition that the work authorized herein is commenced within six months after the date of issuance. If the work authorized by this certificate is not commenced within six months after the date of issuance or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, such certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions of time for periods not exceeding six months each may be allowed in writing by the Chair.
Case Number: MC-6510 Date of Certificate: June 21, 2022
Attest: A true and correct copy of decision filed with the offices of the City Clerk and the Cambridge Historical Commission on <u>June 21, 2022</u> .  By <u>Tony Hsiao/aac</u> , Chair
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Twenty days have elapsed since the filing of this decision. No appeal has been filed Appeal has been filed Date City Clerk:

#### Pacheco, Maria

From: Arch

Archana Venkataraman <archanav85@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 21, 2022 9:08 PM

To:

Singanayagam, Ranjit; Ratay, Olivia; Pacheco, Maria

Cc:

**Austin Che** 

Subject:

Objection to BZA Number 195058

**Attachments:** 

VarianceObjection\_PropertyMap.pdf; VarianceObjection\_245Hampshire\_by\_22Springfield.pdf

· Dear Ms. Pacheco,

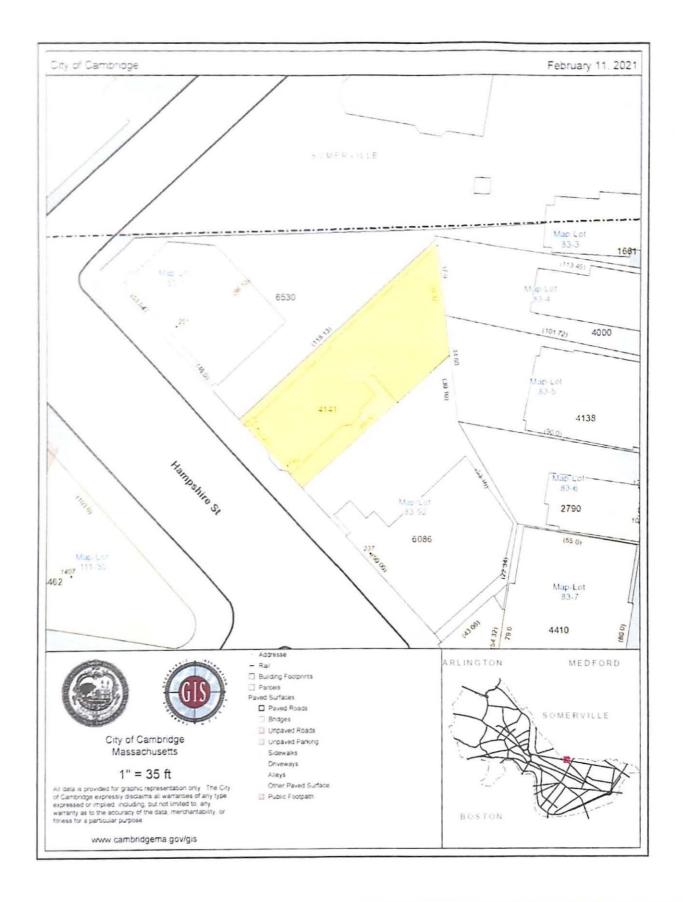
This email concerns the petition for a variance at 245 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA to extend a permitted roof deck to the property line. **The BZA Number is 195058.** 

My husband (cc'd) and I are the owners and occupiers of 22 Springfield Street, Cambridge MA, which lies directly behind 245 Hampshire Street and would be affected by the proposed roof deck expansion. We would like to formally **object to the proposed variance** on the grounds of privacy, potential disturbances, and limited hardship for the petitioner. I have attached a letter of our objection for your records, along with a map of the area.

Please let me know if you require any other information. It is unlikely that we can attend the public hearing next Thursday evening, so I want to ensure that our objection letter is on record. I will also follow up with your office by phone next week.

Sincerely,

Archana Venkataraman Property Owner 22 Springfield Street, Cambridge, MA 02139



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Email: archanav85@gmail.com Tel: 585-339-8684

#### Re: Objection to BZA Number 195058

Dear Ms. Pacheco,

This letter concerns the petition for a variance at 245 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA to extend a permitted roof deck to the property line. The BZA Number is 195058.

My husband and I are the owners and occupiers of <u>22 Springfield Street</u>, <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>MA</u>, which lies directly behind 245 Hampshire Street and would be affected by the proposed roof deck expansion. For reference, our lot number is 83-3 on the attached map.

We would like to formally *object to the proposed variance*. Our reasons are as follows:

- 1) Privacy: The roof in question <u>looks directly into our master bedroom</u> and into our private (fenced) backyard. The proposed expansion would greatly impact our use and enjoyment of our primary residence and property. We also note that 245 Hampshire Street is a mixed-use commercial/residential building. Thus, not only would we have to contend with residents being able to view into our house, but with the patrons of any businesses being able to do so as well; ultimately, the latter could be anyone in the general public.
- 2) Potential Disturbances: As noted above, 245 Hampshire Street is a mixed-use building. Particularly during the warmer months, the neighborhood would be subject to noise and other disturbances associated with the commercial occupants. Depending on the tenant, this scenario could impact our right to quiet enjoyment of our property.
- 3) Limited Hardship for Petitioner: <u>The existing permitted roof is 900 square feet</u>, which provides considerable outdoor space for the building's residents. Due to the roof shape, the proposed extension will provide only a modest increase in seating space. This is reflected in the submitted plans, which show limited additional seats within the rear setback. We argue that such capacity can be achieved via a better layout of the existing permitted roof.

In short, we believe that this variance would have a negative impact on our own property with only modest gains for the Petitioner. We would ask the Board of Zoning Appeal to especially consider our loss of privacy when rendering a decision about whether to approve the variance.

Feel free to contact me by email (<u>archanav85@gmail.com</u>) or by phone (585-339-8684) if you have any questions regarding this letter. I will also follow-up with your office by phone prior to the scheduled public hearing on October 27, 2022 @ 7:15pm.

Sincerely,

Archana Venkataraman

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Property Owner

22 Springfield Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

245 Hampshire St. Combridge, MA 1474461365

Present Use/Occupancy: Mixed use Building Zone: Business A Zone Requested Use/Occupancy: Mixed Use Bulling

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Regulrements
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:	7	900	1580	900 (max.)
LOT AREA:	-	EXISITING TO	EXISITING TO	EXISITING TO (min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: 2		EXISTING TO	EXISTING TO	EXISTING TO REMAIN
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT	400	EXISTING TO	EXISTING TO	EXISTING TO
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	40 NA	40 NA	40 NA
	DEPTH	SO NA	50 NA	50 NA
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0	0	0
	REAR	0	0	0
	LEFT SIDE	13	0 3	93
	RIGHT SIDE	89	89	89
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	EXISTING TO REMAIN 36	EXISTING TO REMAIN 36	EXISTING TO REMAIN 36
	WIDTH	EXISTING TO REMAIN 28	EXISTING TO REMAIN 28	EXISTING TO REMAIN 28
	LENGTH	EXISTING TO REMAIN 50	EXISTING TO REMAIN 50	EXISTING TO REMAIN 60
PATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		EXISTING TO	EXISTING TO REMAIN	EXISTING TO
NO. OF DWELLING		1	1	1
IO. OF PARKING		1 EXISTING	0	0 -
O. OF LOADING		0	0	0
REAS: DISTANCE TO NEAREST LDG. ON SAME LOT		NA O	NO N	N/O

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

# OFFICE AND DAYCARE

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5')
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

#### SUPPRICING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

The current deck is a hardship for it cannot appropriately service the buildings needs. Particularly in this age of COVID, when outdoor space is so essential for healthy living, convening, and working.

The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

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Due to the shape and lot size of this building

There is a major lack of open space.

DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

This relief will have no adverse effect to any abutters or to the oublic as it wont be visible from the street.

Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

This relief will have no adverse effect to any abutter or to the community at large, and the deedback we got from the abbuters were all supportive.

\*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.



# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

# BZA

# POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name: Marely Print)	Date: _	10/7/22
Address: 345 Sampshire Ax		·
Case No. BZA - 195058		
Hearing Date:	*	

Thank you, Bza Members