

**Minutes – February 21, 2024  
Arlington Disability Commission**

**No Quorum as of 6:00pm, therefor the Meeting did not open**

**Given there were guests from the 1500 Mass Ave project, we proceeded with discussion**

**As of 6:00pm**

**Members Present (Quorum not met):**

Kari Sasportas (chair) arrived at 6:47pm Quorum achieved at 6:50pm  
Janice Cagan-Teuber  
Grace Carpenter  
Kerrie Fallon  
Michael Rademacher

**Quorum met at 6:50pm**

**Volunteers Present:**

Rebecca Gruber

**Staff Present:**

ADA Coordinator: Tim Ross [tross@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:tross@town.arlington.ma.us)

**Guest:**

Don Seltzer  
Monte French

**Variance Request – 1500 Mass Ave**

- 4 Residential units
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor commercial (formerly 2 family house)
- Large ledge in back and costly to remove, so the building was pushed closer to Mass Ave.
- There was discussion about accessibility
- Developer responded to AAB's questions
- Developer requesting variance
- Questions/comments from Commissioners
  - AAB would ask Disability Commissioner's opinion/input
- Questions/comments from Guests
- Michael Rademaker moved, Janice Cagan-Teuber seconded that we will look into seeing if we can comment on the variance request and if we have time to write to the AAB – Passed by role call vote
- Tim Ross will contact AAB to see if we have time to comment

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- During questions and answers regarding the 1500 Mass Ave project, Zoom went down at 6:43pm. Zoom restored at 6:47pm. Zoom was restored a few minutes later, then went down again. Several attempts were made to restore Zoom, but were not successful.
- In between the Zoom snafu, there was a request for the Commission to write a supporting letter regarding the 1500 Mass Ave project
- A suggestion of someone from the Disability Commission should be on the ARB in order to keep ADA uppermost in the Board's mind when approving projects.
- Meeting was suspended at 6:59pm
- No vote was taken to adjourn due to Zoom disconnecting and being unable to reconnect.