

By Mr. Zeiser of Wellesley, petition of Frederick S. Lane and Bruce H. Zeiser that certain abutters and owners of land be given notice of hearings of appeals and variances under the zoning laws. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT FURTHER PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARINGS OF APPEALS AND VARIANCES UNDER THE ZONING LAWS TO BE GIVEN CERTAIN ABUTTERS AND OTHER OWNERS OF LAND.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 17 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence as appearing in  
3 Chapter 569 of the Acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following sentence:

5 The board of appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing  
6 of any appeal or other matter referred to it or any petition for a  
7 variance, and shall cause the notice of the time and place of such  
8 hearing thereof and of the subject matter, sufficient for  
9 identification, to be published in a newspaper of general  
10 circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive  
11 weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days  
12 before the day of the hearing or, if there is no such newspaper in  
13 such city or town, then by posting such notice in a conspicuous  
14 place in the city or town hall for a period of not less than  
15 fourteen days before the day of such hearing, and also send  
16 notice, by mail postage prepaid, to the petitioner, to the  
17 abutters, to the owners of land directly opposite on any public or  
18 private street or way and to such owners of land next adjoining  
19 said land of abutters or other owners as the board may deem to  
20 be affected thereby, as they appear on the most recent tax lists,  
21 notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in  
22 another city or town, and to the planning board of the city or  
23 town, and, if pertinent, of the adjoining city or town.

