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ZBA 2011-21

Petition of Crossroads Counseling, Inc.  
219 Washington Street

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Juliani Meeting Room, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, on the petition of CROSSROADS COUNSELING, INC. requesting renewal of a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Section II A 8 (b) and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw to allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic on the premises at 219 WASHINGTON STREET (WELLESLEY FRIENDLY AID), which is a use not allowed by right in a Single Residence District.

On March 22, 2011 the Petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Authority, and thereafter, due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing was Linda Cohen, who said that she was representing Crossroads Counseling, Inc. (the "Petitioner"). She said that the Special Permit has been renewed every two years for several years for the mental health clinic.

Ms. Cohen said that the hours of operation have not changed.

The Board said that the previous application listed a staff of nine people. Ms. Cohen said that two people retired, so there are now seven staff members.

The Board confirmed that the ownership is still the same.

There was no one present at the Public Hearing who wished to speak to the petition.

Statement of Facts

In 1994, the Petitioner, a group of nine social workers, was formed to continue to give the services previously provided by Family Counseling Region West, Inc., when Family Counseling discontinued its services at the existing premises at 219 Washington Street. The Special Permit, which had been granted to Family Counseling, was assumed by the Petitioner after the dissolution of Family Counseling.

The Petitioner is requesting renewal of its Special Permit to allow a seven person group to continue to operate a mental health clinic with hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, throughout the year.

On April 6, 2011, the Planning Board reviewed the petition and recommended that the Special Permit be granted subject to the three conditions previously imposed by the ZBA.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted and the information presented at the hearing, and is of the opinion that the services provided by the Petitioner are in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Bylaw, and will neither disturb nor disrupt the customary character of the neighborhood.

Therefore, a Special Permit, as voted unanimously by this Authority, to allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic at 219 Washington Street, in a Single Residence District, is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. All applicable State and local laws shall be complied with, as well as all recommendations of the Wellesley Fire Department and the Inspector of Buildings.
2. The hours of operation shall not be greater than 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, throughout the year.
3. This Special Permit shall expire two years from the date stamped on this decision.

APPEALS FROM THIS DECISION,  
IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT  
TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40A,  
SECTION 17, AND SHALL BE FILED  
WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE  
OF FILING OF THIS DECISION IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

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Richard L. Seegel, Chairman

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J. Randolph Becker

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David G. Sheffield

cc: Planning Board  
Inspector of Buildings  
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