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Petition of Edes P. Wilson (Wellesley Methodist Church)

Pursuant to due notice the Board of Appeal held a public hearing in the hearing room on the second floor of the Town Hall at 8:15 p.m. on May 9, 1963 on the petition of Edes P. Wilson requesting permission to operate a nursery school at the Wellesley Methodist Church 8 Brook Street, as provided under Section II 8 (b) of the Zoning By-law.

Guy S. Morrison, Pastor of the Wellesley Methodist Church, represented the petitioner.

Letters favoring the granting of the request were received from: (Mrs.) Priscilla M. Wheelock, 14 Brook Street, Earl and Mrs. Higgins, 15 Wellesley Avenue, and Harry M. and Mabel R. Cranmer, 12 Brook Street.

The Planning Board offered no objection to the granting of the request in its report.

Statement of Facts

The Church involved is located within a single-residence district, requiring a minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet.

The minister of the Wellesley Methodist Church testified that the proposed nursery school is to be operated solely by the Church, is to be an extension of the existing Christian Education program of the Church under his leadership; is to be non-profit making, will be operated from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with seventeen children in attendance, and is being formed primarily for the children of members of the Church. He testified further that Mrs. Edes P. Wilson will superintend the school and select the staff of teachers. None of the foregoing testimony was contradicted.

Decision

None of the testimony supports the petition. The petition is by Mrs. Edes P. Wilson for a permit to operate a nursery school but all the testimony was emphatically to the effect that the church and not Mrs. Wilson wishes to operate a school on the church premises. The variance is fatal to the petition. We cannot grant to Mrs. Wilson a permit for the church to operate a school.

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

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