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Petition of Old Colony Bank & Trust of Norfolk Co.

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 November 20, 1975, on the petition of the Old Colony Bank & Trust of Norfolk Co., requesting a special permit under the provisions of Section XXIIA, Part C. Subpart 3. a. 7 (b) and Part E. of the Zoning By-law which will allow the applicant to replace the standing sign located at 336 Washington Street, on premises owned by George and Elizabeth Haynes.

Nisholas B. Soutter, attorney, represented the petitioner at the hearing.

Emmons J. Williams, president of the Bank, spoke in support of the request.

On October 15, 1975, the petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is on the corner of Washington Street and Abbott Road within a Business District.

The Bank's name has recently changed and the petitioner seeks permission to replace the former bank's sign. The proposed sign, it was stated, has virtually the same dimensions and location as the former sign, but is of extremely high quality and tasteful appearance which should be a substantial improvement over the former sign.

It was explained that through a human error, the sign was replaced without a permit, and the Building Inspector on October 3, 1975, ordered it removed immediately. Again through another misunderstanding, it was not removed until November 19, 1975.

The proposed sign is to be 4'1" x 6', mounted on 1 1/2" post, located six feet back from Washington Street. It is to be a double-face sign perpendicular to the street, with the wording, "Old Colony Bank," in white letters on a brown background, with a gold-leaf eagle emblem below the lettering. It is to be internally illuminated.

Decision

The Board finds that the proposed standing sign will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the by-law and will not be injurious to the neighborhood, nor to traffic and safety conditions, or otherwise detrimental to the public safety and welfare. It further feels that there is a need for the petitioner to identify its bank with the new name which

the proposed sign is designed to do.

Accordingly, without condoning the repeated disregard of the Building Inspector's order to remove the sign illegally erected, the Board hereby grants permission for the erection of the new standing sign as requested and in accordance with the application and plan submitted and on file with this Board, subject to the following condition:

1. That any violation of the above-granted permit may result in an immediate revocation of this permit.

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