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Petition of Town of Wellesley, Natural Resources Commission

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Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing in the second floor hearing room of the Town Hall on Thursday, September 17, 1981 at 8 p.m. on the Petition of Town of Wellesley, Natural Resources Commission, requesting a Special Permit to erect a standing sign at the entrance to Centennial Park, Oakland Street. This request is made pursuant to Section XXIIA, Part C, Subpart 1-a of the Zoning Bylaw.

On August 25, 1981, the petitioner filed its request for a hearing before this Board, thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Present at the hearing and speaking on behalf of the Natural Resources Commission was Judith A. Nicolson, Director. She stated the Town Meeting 1980 had voted to approve and appropriate \$1,000. for the sign. The Design Review Board has submitted recommendations for the sign, and Natural Resources Commission has voted to accept their recommendations.

Present at the hearing and speaking in favor of the request was Charles Detwiller, 151 Oakland Street. There was no one present in opposition to the petition.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located in a Single Residence District and is comprised of 42 acres of land. The Town of Wellesley purchased the property in September, 1980 from the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul, to be used as a park known as Centennial Park.

The petitioner seeks permission to erect a standing sign 16 square feet in size, a distance of 20 feet from the sign to the property line, parallel to and facing Oakland Street. The sign would remain natural wood color with dark brown painted lettering. A plan of the proposed sign is on file at the Board of Appeals.

The Design Review Board, at the meeting of August 26, 1981, made several recommendations regarding the proposed sign, which are on file in the Board of Appeals in a letter dated August 27, 1981. The Natural Resources Commission subsequently voted to accept their recommendations.

The Planning Board, in a letter of September 14, 1981, expressed support of the recommendations of the Design Review Board with respect to the sign.

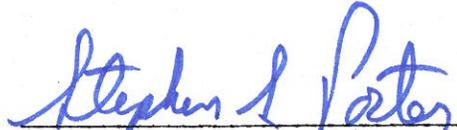
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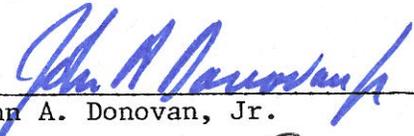
This Authority has made a study of the evidence submitted and at least one member has taken a view of the locus.

With due consideration of the recommendations of the Design Review Board and the support of the Planning Board, it is the unanimous opinion of this Authority that the erection of the standing sign as proposed by the petitioner at the entrance to Centennial Park, Oakland Street will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw.

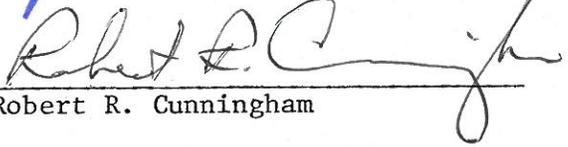
Therefore, the Special Permit is granted, and the Inspector of Buildings is authorized to issue a permit to erect the proposed sign.



Stephen S. Porter, Chairman



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