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Petition of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
96 Worcester Street

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 12, 1985 at 8 p.m. in Room 17 of the Town Offices at the Phillips Building, 12 Seaward Road, on the petition of SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Section XXIIA and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaws to allow an internally illuminated wall sign at 96 WORCESTER STREET at SUN LIFE EXECUTIVE PARK, in a Limited Business District.

On November 22, 1985 the petitioner requested a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing were Robert McGinniss, H. R. Bentley, and William Walters of Sun Life. Mr. Bentley stated that Sun Life is requesting the sign to identify the building which faces Route 128 and Route 9. Mr. Walters presented renderings of the proposed sign and photos of the buildings. Internal illumination was discussed and Mr. McGinniss requested that it be allowed during reasonable business hours.

Other than the petitioners, no one was present favoring or opposing the petition.

Statement of Facts

The property in question is located at 96 Worcester Street, known as Building #1, Sun Life Executive Park, at the intersection of Routes 9 and 128, in a Limited Business District.

The petitioner seeks to erect an accessory wall sign approximately 49 square feet in area at the top of the wall on the Route 128 side of the building, 41 feet 3 inches high. A Special Permit is required because of the height of the sign and because of the illumination method requested. Illumination would be by silhouette. The fascia would be illuminated by white neon tubing within the letters, lighting the wall but not the letters.

Plans of the sign were submitted, drawn by Sun Life of Canada, dated October 8, 1985.

The Design Review Board discussed the sign on October 16, 1985 and accepted the proposed wall sign as presented.

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The Planning Board, at its regular meeting of December 10, 1985 voted unanimously to oppose the granting of the sign as explained in a letter of December 11, 1985 on file.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence presented.

This Board is of the opinion that the proposed wall sign is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Section XXIIA of the Zoning Bylaw and should be permitted.

Therefore, a Special Permit is hereby granted for the proposed internally illuminated wall sign approximately 49 square feet in area at 96 Worcester Street (Building #1) at Sun Life Executive Park, said sign to be located at the top of the wall facing Route 128 (41'3" high) as shown in drawings submitted to this Board, subject to the following condition:

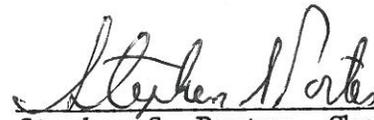
1. That the sign be illuminated no later than 10 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and that the sign shall not be illuminated on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the sign upon his receipt and approval of an application.

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.

cc: Planning Board
Building Inspector

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