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Petition of Eaton Apothecary (Paul Dumouchel)  
266 Washington Street

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Pursuant to due notice, the Permit Granting Authority and the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 23, 1986 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Town Hall at 525 Washington Street, Wellesley on the petition of EATON APOTHECARY (PAUL DUMOUCHEL) and ARNOLD HAYNES requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Section XXIIA and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw to allow an internally illuminated wall sign at EATON APOTHECARY (formerly BELVEDERE PHARMACY) at 266 WASHINGTON STREET, in a Business District.

On August 26, 1986 the petitioner filed a request before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication. The petitioner was originally scheduled for a Public Hearing on September 18, 1986 but, due to a misadvertisement of the case in the Wellesley Townsman, the case had to be readvertised and scheduled for the October 23 Public Hearing.

Presenting the case at the hearing was Paul Dumouchel, owner of Eaton Apothecary, who stated that the sign would be illuminated during business hours only, or until 9 p.m. weekdays, 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

No others were present expressing favor or opposition to the request.

Statement of Facts

The property in question is located at 266 Washington Street, in a Business District, owned by Arnold Haynes. Eaton Apothecary (formerly Belvedere Pharmacy) occupies a portion of the building and is owned by Paul Dumouchel.

Mr. Dumouchel wishes to install a new face to an existing sign to reflect the change of name of the business. He proposes a wall sign 9 feet high, 41 square feet in area, internally illuminated with two colors, bronze and white. A Special Permit is requested for the internal illumination.

Drawings of the proposed sign were submitted by University Brink, Watertown, Ma., dated 2/5/85.

The Design Review Board held two meetings concerning the sign on June 12, 1986 and October 9, 1986. A letter of October 10, 1986 stated the Design Review Board had approved the sign as proposed.

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The Planning Board, in a letter of September 15, 1986, noted that at its regular meeting of September 9, 1986, it had voted to offer no objection to the internally illuminated wall sign "based on the understanding that only two colors are to be used on the sign".

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence presented. The petitioner is requesting a Special Permit to allow an internally illuminated wall sign at 266 Washington Street.

This Board is of the opinion that the internal illumination of the proposed sign should not be allowed. This Board realizes that this business and many businesses need illumination of signs to identify their businesses during hours of operation after dark. However, this Board feels that external illumination is more appropriate for signs in areas such as this. External illumination is allowed by permit from the Building Department.

Therefore, the proposed sign for 266 Washington Street is allowed without internal illumination and the Special Permit requested for internal illumination is hereby denied and the case is dismissed.

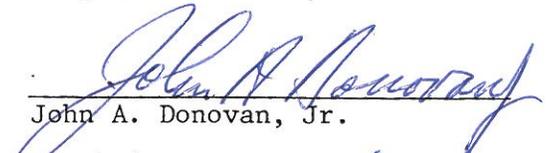
APPEALS FROM THIS DECISION,  
IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT  
TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40A,  
SECTION 17, AND SHALL BE FILED  
WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE  
OF FILING OF THIS DECISION IN  
THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

cc: Planning Board  
Building Inspector

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