

MINUTES OF ZBA PUBLIC HEARING - THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1983 - SECOND FLOOR HEARING ROOM  
8 p.m. WELLESLEY TOWN HALL

ZBA Members Present: Steven S. Porter, Chairman  
John A. Donovan, Jr.  
Robert R. Cunningham  
Mary Ann McDougall, Executive Secretary

Also present: Arthur LaConte, Building Inspector

83-14 JAMES H. BATMASIAN, CATHERINE HINDS, 26 ABBOTT ROAD

Requesting a Special Permit to use 26 Abbott Road for educational purposes for a private technical school known as Catherine Hinds Institute for Esthetics, said property located in a Single Residence District.

A letter was received by the Board of Appeals dated April 5, 1983 requesting withdrawal of the petition. The applicant wishes to come to the May 19 hearing with a more complete application.

Catherine Hinds, one of the petitioners, spoke at the hearing, stating that she wishes to withdraw the petition. She stated that the Planning Board had recommended withdrawal to give her time to revise her petition to substantiate the proposed changes at 26 Abbott Road, as well as to 28 Abbott Road, where she plans to live and which would be affected by her plans for school parking.

A large group of neighborhood residents was present at the hearing. Leah Carothers, 38 Seaward Road, spoke to the group and presented a petition from the Wellesley Hills Neighborhood Association, signed by 39 people, urging the Board of Appeals to require the withdrawal of the petition with prejudice.

Mr. Porter, Chairman of the Board of Appeals, pointed out that 16 cases over the past four years have been allowed to be withdrawn without prejudice. He requested that people address comments only to the request to withdraw the case without prejudice. Mr. Porter stated that the case will most likely be heard in May or June, but every effort will be made not to hear it during the summer, if possible.

Richard Maher, 45 Seaward Road, asked that the letter requesting withdrawal be read and stated that it did not specify "without prejudice" so the Board of Appeals could not address the issue of withdrawal without prejudice.

The Board of Appeals member then voted on the request for withdrawal without prejudice. The vote was unanimous in favor of the withdrawal without prejudice.