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Petition of Margaret A. Larkin

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 8:20 p.m. on February 15, 1968, on the petition of Margaret A. Larkin requesting permission to conduct a dating service bureau in her home at 34 Crescent Street as provided under Section XXIV of the Zoning By-law.

The petitioner spoke in support of the request at the hearing.

On January 5, 1968, the petitioner filed her request for a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Statement of Facts

The house involved is located within a Single-residence District, a district in which the desired use of the property is not permitted unless special permission is granted by the Board of Appeal.

The petitioner seeks permission to operate a dating service bureau in her home. She stated that there would be no customers coming to her home at any time; that applications would be received at a Post Office box and that from these applications, she would match compatible people of opposite sex and forward names by mail to both parties. She stated further that the service would include men and women from the age of eighteen to eighty. She would advertise her service, which is called, "Guys and Dolls" in newspapers and college papers. Similar bureaus are being operated now in Cambridge, Peabody and Leominister, and in her opinion, the proposed service should not prove detrimental to the neighborhood as it would merely involve working with applications within her home.

Decision

The Board has considered all the facts in this case and cannot find that a real need exists for the proposed non-conforming use of the property. While the operation of such a bureau would not, in the opinion of this Board, create additional traffic within the neighborhood, nor prove disturbing by way of noise, however, from the evidence submitted, it cannot find that the Town has a need for such a service or that the petitioner has a need for operating such a service.

The Board, therefore, unanimously finds that sufficient reasons do not exist for granting the requested permit and that such an exception could become detrimental to the value of surrounding properties.

Accordingly, the requested permission is denied and the petition dismissed.

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