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Petition of BayBank/Norfolk Trust

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, March 19, 1981 at 7:30 PM on the Petition of BayBank/Norfolk Trust, requesting a Special Permit under the provisions of Section XXIIA and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw, which will allow the petitioner to replace an existing wall sign with another wall sign at its 342 Washington Street location. Said sign would violate Section XXIIA, Part C, Subpart 3(a), Paragraph 1(b) of the Zoning Bylaw which requires that a wall sign be no higher than fifteen (15) feet above grade.

On February 30, 1981, the petitioner filed a 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 BayBank/Norfolk Trust was Elizabeth Padjen, the architect who designed the new sign. Ms. Padjen stated that the building is a stone structure and at the time of construction a limestone panel was built into the building just above the door in anticipation of placing signs there.

Present also at the hearing and supporting the new sign were: Tory DeFazio, Eleanor Angelakos and Mary Fyffe.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located in a Business District on the corner of Washington Street and Abbott Road.

There is an existing blue and green sign above the front door in the limestone panel made for this purpose (19'3" above grade). This petitioner is requesting to replace the existing wall sign with a new wall sign 14" x 14' and to place it within the limestone panel, 19'3" above grade. The colors will be BayBank Grey with white lettering.

Plans were submitted prepared by Padjen Architects, Inc., and dated February 24, 1981, indicating the size, materials and the colors of the proposed sign.

A letter dated March 11, 1981 was received from the Design Review Board favoring the waiving of the 15' height restriction because the ornate design of the building pre-



vents placing the sign lower.

Decision

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

It is the unanimous opinion of this Authority that the proposed wall sign will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaws and will not be injurious to the neighborhood nor to traffic and safety conditions or otherwise detrimental to the public safety and welfare. Accordingly, this Authority hereby grants permission for the installation of the requested wall sign, the top of which is to be no higher than 19'3" above ground elevation as shown on the plans submitted and on file with this Authority.

The Inspector of Buildings is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the sign as approved herein.

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