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Petition of Region West Inc./Wellesley Friendly Aid Society
219 Washington St.

Pursuant to due notice, The Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 17, 1985 at 8 p.m. in Room 17 of the Town Offices at the Phillips Building, 12 Seaward Road, Wellesley Hills, on the petition of REGION WEST, INC. and WELLESLEY FRIENDLY AID SOCIETY requesting renewal of a Special Permit under the provisions of Section II and XXV of the Zoning Bylaw which will allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic at 219 WASHINGTON STREET, said property located in a Single Residence District.

On December 20, 1984 the petitioner requested a hearing before this Authority and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing was Goldie Clifford, Business Manager of Region West, Inc., who stated that there have been no changes in the operation since last year. Six people are employed in the clinic, some part time and some full time.

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

Statement of Facts

Region West, Inc., formerly known as Family Counseling Service, is a non-profit mental health clinic. It has been renting space from the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society at 219 Washington Street, in a Single Residence District, since 1950. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is licensed by the Department of Public Health.

The petitioner is requesting renewal of a special permit to operate the mental health clinic. There have been no changes in the operation in the past year.

The Planning Board, at its regular meeting of January 8, 1985, voted to offer no comment on the petition.

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Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted. A Special Permit has been granted to Region West, Inc., formerly known as Family Counseling Service, on the basis that it is a semi-public institution of a philanthropic character (Section II 8 (c)).

This Authority is of the opinion that the services provided by the petitioner in the past and at the present time appear to be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted for a period of one year from the date of this decision with the following condition:

1. That all applicable State and local laws shall be complied with as well as recommendations and requirements of the Fire Department and the Building Inspector.

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


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