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ZBA 2006-48

Petition of Needham Cooperative Bank  
458 Washington Street

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Petition of NEEDHAM COOPERATIVE BANK requesting renewal of a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Section XI and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw to continue to allow its premises at 458 WASHINGTON STREET, in a Business District, to be used for a 24 hour drive-thru ATM facility where business is transacted from the vehicles of customers or patrons, a use not allowed by right in a Business District.

On May 22, 2006, the petitioners filed a request for 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 Les Shea, who said that he was present with the Branch Manager of the Needham Cooperative Bank for the renewal of a Special Permit. He said that there is a currently a drive-through that has a teller window and an ATM.

The Board asked when the arrows on the ground were painted. The Branch Manager of Needham Cooperative Bank said that the arrows were painted last year. The Board said that the arrows should be re-painted each year.

The Board asked if there have been any accidents or issues with traffic flow. Mr. Shea said that there have been no accidents or traffic flow issues.

There was no one present who wished to speak to the petition.

The Board said that the Planning Board had no objection to granting the request.

### Statement of Facts

The subject premises are located at 458 Washington Street, at the corner of State Street, in a Business District. The petitioner is requesting renewal of a Special Permit to continue to allow the use of a drive-through window for a 24-hour ATM facility, located in front of an existing teller window, on the southwest wall of the premises.

The ATM window is intended primarily for use before and after banking hours and on weekends. An average of one vehicle every seven minutes, using the teller window or the ATM facility, provides sufficient time and space so that backup does not occur. The island containing the kiosk is used only in emergencies.

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On June 6, 2006, the Planning Board reviewed the petition and had no objection to granting the request on the same terms and conditions as are currently in effect.

### Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted and the information presented at the hearing. A Special Permit is required pursuant to Section XI of the Zoning Bylaw, as the requested use of the premises for a 24-hour drive-through ATM facility is not a use allowed by right in a Business District.

It is the opinion of this Authority that the traffic circulation pattern has not created a dangerous situation in regard to entering or exiting the lot. There is clear passage for vehicles along the southwest side of the premises. However, it is the opinion that one-way arrows painted on the pavement indicating a one-way traffic pattern for vehicles entering from Washington Street and exiting onto State Street should be maintained in a visible condition; and that a "One Way Only" sign should be maintained on the southwest wall of the building.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted to the Needham Cooperative Bank, as voted unanimously by this Authority, for use of its 24-hour ATM drive-through and teller windows, subject to the following conditions:

1. Arrows indicating a one-way traffic flow from Washington Street to State Street shall be maintained in a clearly visible condition. Said arrows shall be re-painted annually.
2. A sign stating "One Way Only" shall be maintained on the southwest wall of the building.
3. This Special Permit shall expire two years from the date time-stamped on this decision.

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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.

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Richard L. Seegel, Chairman

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J. Randolph Becker

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Robert W. Levy

cc: Planning Board  
Inspector of Buildings

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