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ZBA 2007-33
Petition of Crossroads Counseling, Inc.
219 Washington Street

Petition of CROSSROADS COUNSELING INC. (the "Petitioner") requesting renewal of a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Section II A 8 (b) and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw to allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic on the premises at 219 WASHINGTON STREET (WELLESLEY FRIENDLY AID), which is a use not allowed by right in a Single Residence District.

On May 23, 2007, the Petitioner 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 Beth Wilson, who said that she is a therapist at Crossroads Counseling, Inc. She said that the mental health clinic facility is located on the second floor of the Friendly Aid Association located at 219 Washington Street. She said that Crossroads Counseling provides therapy to couples, families and children. She said that they work with groups, perform community service and work with the Wellesley School Department.

Ms. Wilson said that the Petitioner is requesting renewal of the Special Permit under the same terms and conditions as the previous Special Permit.

There was no member of the public present who wished to speak to the petition.

Statement of Facts

In 1994, the Petitioner, a group of nine social workers, was formed to continue to give the services previously provided by Family Counseling Region West, Inc., when Family Counseling discontinued its services at the existing premises at 219 Washington Street. The Special Permit, which had been granted to Family Counseling, was assumed by the Petitioner after the dissolution of Family Counseling.

The Petitioner is requesting renewal of its Special Permit to allow the seven person group to continue to operate a mental health clinic with hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, throughout the year.

On June 4, 2007, the Planning Board reviewed the petition and had no objection to granting the request on the same terms and condition as are currently in effect.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted and the information presented at the hearing, and is of the opinion that the services provided by the Petitioner are in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Bylaw, and will neither disturb nor disrupt the customary character of the neighborhood.

Therefore, a Special Permit, as voted unanimously by this Authority, to allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic at 219 Washington Street, in a Single Residence District, is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. All applicable State and local laws shall be complied with, as well as all recommendations of the Wellesley Fire Department and the Inspector of Buildings.
2. The hours of operation shall not be greater than 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, throughout the year.
3. This Special Permit shall expire two years from the date 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.

Richard L. Seegel, Chairman

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J. Randolph Becker

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