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ZBA 2007-51
Petition of Sprague School PTO
401 School Street

Petition of SPRAGUE SCHOOL PTO requesting a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Section XXIIA and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw to install two standing signs, the number of which and area will exceed that which is allowed in a Residential District, at 401 SCHOOL STREET.

On July 26, 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 Kate Klenk, 8 Bernard Road, who said that she was representing the Sprague School PTO (the "Petitioner").

Ms. Klenk said that the Sprague School PTO petition is for a Special Permit for two standing signs; one at the main entrance of the school and the other at the rear entrance on Oak Street behind the original building.

Ms. Klenk said that the larger sign at the main entrance will stand at 4.25 feet high. She said that the smaller sign on Oak Street will stand at 3.75 feet high.

The Board said that the signs are well designed.

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

Statement of Facts

The subject property is located at 401 School Street, in a Residential District.

The Petitioner is requesting a Special Permit for two free-standing signs, the number of which and area will exceed that which is allowed by right.

Letter of endorsement, Virginia Balicki, Acting Principal, Sprague School, dated 6/14/07, Sign Location Map, Photographs of Existing and Proposed Conditions, and Color Sample, PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc. were submitted.

On May 23, 2007, the Design Review Board voted to recommend approval of the two proposed standing signs to be located 401 School Street, to read "Sprague School" as presented.

On July 30, 2007, the Planning Board reviewed the petition and had no objection to granting the request.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted and the information presented at the hearing.

The Petitioner is requesting a Special Permit for:

- A 2.25 foot by 5.75 foot two-sided sign with total area of 20.25 feet, standing at a height of 4.25 feet;
- A 2.25 foot by 4 foot single-sided sign with a total area of 9 feet, standing at a height of 3.75 feet;

said signs to be installed at 401 School Street at the front of the school building and on Oak Street at the rear of the school building to identify Sprague School from both streets.

It is the opinion of this Authority that granting a Special Permit to allow two free standing signs is in harmony with the intent and purpose of Section XXIIA of the Zoning Bylaw.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted, as voted unanimously by this Authority at the Public Hearing, to allow for:

- A 2.25 foot by 5.75 foot two-sided sign with total area of 20.25 feet, standing at a height of 4.25 feet;
- A 2.25 foot by 4 foot single-sided sign with a total area of 9 feet, standing at a height of 3.75 feet.

The Inspector of Buildings is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the proposed signs subject to approval of a sign application. No signs shall be installed until said permit has been issued.

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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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cc: Planning Board
Inspector of Buildings
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