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Petition of Town of Wellesley

Pursuant to due notice the Board of Appeal held a public hearing in the hearing room on the second floor of the Town Hall at 8:40 p.m. on February 11, 1971, on the petition of the Town of Wellesley, requesting permission to erect a shelter to house a diesel engine generator at the Dale Street Station. Said request was made pursuant to the provisions of Section II. 10 of the Zoning By-law.

On December 17, 1970, the petitioner filed its request for a hearing and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Charles H. Connors, Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Division, spoke in support of the request.

no objections were made at the hearing to the granting of the request.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located within a Single-residence District, a District in which the proposed use of the property is not permitted unless a special permit is granted by the Board of Appeal after it finds that the proposed request is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.

It was explained at the hearing by Mr. Connors that the Boston Edison warned the Department of Public Works some time ago that power black-outs were expected and in an effort to provide emergency facilities to handle the more critical power requirements, through the Civil Defense Director, the Water and Sewer Division were able to purchase a Diesel Engine-driven generator of a size and electrical characteristics to provide sufficient power to enable the sewage pumps at the Dale Street Station to operate should normal power be lost for any reason.

The generator was reconditioned and a very temporary installation was made and temporary wiring installed between the generator and the control board inside the station.

Again, with the assistance of the Civil Defense Director, the Division was able to purchase from the U. S. Government, four knocked-down prefabricated steel buildings, and it is planned to erect a building 12'3" x 16'3" to house the emergency generator. It was stated that because of vandalism, it was felt that the generator must be enclosed.

Decision

It is clear from the evidence submitted that there is a real need for the proposed shelter and the emergency facilities which it is to house.

As pointed out, if there is a power loss for more than three hours, the raw sewage could overflow the manholes and run into Moses Pond with the possibility of polluting Moses Pond and/or the Town's main water wells.

For these reasons, it is the opinion of this Board, that the proposed shelter and generator are reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public and that an exception can be granted under the provision of Section II. 10 of the Zoning By-law.

Accordingly, the requested permission is granted and the Inspector of Buildings is authorized to issue a permit for the erection of a generator and shelter in accordance with the plan submitted and on file with this Board, drawn by John E. Bezanson, Engineer, dated December 17, 1970.

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