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Petition of Peter W. Holtje

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 8:00 p.m. on February 1, 1973, on the petition of Peter W. Holtje, requesting permission to continue to operate a business office in a part of his dwelling at 23 Lawrence Road as provided under Section XXIV-E of the Zoning By-law. Said office is used in connection with a custom drapery business which is not conducted on the premises.

On December 21, 1972, the petitioner filed his request for a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

The petitioner spoke in support of the request at the hearing.

Statement of Facts

The house involved is located within a Single-residence District, a district in which the desired use of the property is not permitted unless special permission is granted by this Board.

The petitioner seeks permission to continue for another year the present non-conforming use of the above-mentioned property, for which a permit was granted by this Board a year ago. The petitioner stated that he had received no complaints during the past year and the neighbors seems to be satisfied with the operation. He further stated that he had no intention of changing his method of business; no customers come to the house, no inventory and about two orders on hand at one time. In his opinion, the granting of the request will in no way prove detrimental to the neighborhood.

Decision

It is the opinion of the Board that the continued use of the dwelling involved as specified in the permit granted by this Board a year ago, and subject to the conditions imposed therein, will not substantially reduce the value of any property within the district and will not otherwise injure the neighborhood. It is the further opinion of the Board that there is still a real need for the continuance of the non-conforming use for another year.

Accordingly, a temporary permit is hereby granted under the provisions of Section XXIV-E of the Zoning By-law for one year from the date of this permit, upon the conditions set forth in the Board's decision on, "Petition of Peter W. Holtje" filed with the Town Clerk on July 13, 1971.

Filed with Town Clerk

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