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Petition of Haskins Realty Trust

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 8:50 p.m. on May 6, 1976, on the petition of Haskins Realty Trust, requesting a special permit under the provisions of Section XXIIIA, Part E. of the Zoning By-law, to replace a wall sign at 463 Washington Street. Said sign would be in violation of Section XXIIIA, Subpart 3. a. 4 (b) of the Zoning By-law which restricts illuminated signs to not more than two colors.

On April 14, 1976, the petitioner requested a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Alvin L. Haskins, Treasurer of the Company, spoke in support of the request.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located within a Business District, on the northerly side of Washington Street.

The petitioner seeks permission to replace an existing wall sign on the front of the body shop building with a newly designed General Motors' approved sign. The present sign is faded and eroded, it was stated, and needs to be replaced. The sign is to be approximately 4' x 4', with the wording, "Body Shop - Leslie T. Haskins, Inc.", in red and white with a black frame and internally illuminated.

Decision

The Board of Appeal cannot find that the proposed sign will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Section XXIIIA of the Zoning By-law and that it will not be injurious to the neighborhood nor to traffic and safety conditions, nor otherwise detrimental to the public safety and welfare as it must in order to grant a special permit under Part E of said section of the Zoning By-law.

The Board feels that it is unreasonable to request permission to erect the sign involved in order to identify the petitioner's body shop with the new standardized sign required by General Motors Corporation. The Board has granted permission to the petitioner to erect a standing sign which should quite adequately identify the petitioner's body shop location, and to allow the proposed sign, it is felt, would derogate from the general purpose and intent of Section XXIIIA of the Zoning By-law.

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

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