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Petition of Needham Cooperative Bank

Pursuant to due notice the Special Permit Granting Authority held a public hearing in the hearing room on the second floor of the Town Hall at 8:15 p.m. on October 26, 1978, on the petition of the Needham Cooperative Bank, requesting a special permit under the provisions of Section XKIIA, Part C., Subpart 3. a. 7. and Section XXIV of the Zoning By-law, which will allow the erection of a standing sign for the Bank at 458 Washington Street.

On October 11, 1978, the petitioner requested a hearing before this Authority and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Hector D. Scull, Attorney, represented the petitioner at the hearing.

Mr. Saxton of the Saxton Sign & Mfg. Corp. explained the details of the sign.

Robert F. Day, President of the Bank, stated that he felt that it is very necessary for the bank to have the proposed sign and that it will place a hardship on it if the request is not granted.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located on the southerly side of Washington Street on the corner of State Street, in a Business District. There is a bank building on the lot which was constructed during the past year.

The petitioner seeks permission to erect a standing sign on the property in order to provide proper identification, for the new bank and as a convenience to the citizens of Wellesley.

The proposed sign is designed to be 5' x 5'6", with the wording, "Needham Cooperative Bank in rust color letters on an ivory background, with a time unit below the sign, 2' x 5'6". Both panels will be mounted on a brick wall fifteen feet in height, if approved by this Authority.

A plot plan was submitted, drawn by Sidney R. Vaughan, Land Surveyor, which showed the location of the proposed location of the sign on the lot as well as the location of the existing bank building on the property. Said plan showed the proposed sign to be located fifteen feet back from Washington Street and fifteen feet back from State Street.

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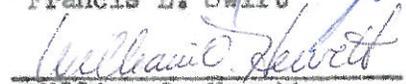
The Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted and has taken a view of the locus. In its opinion, the erection of a standing ^{sign} as proposed, subject to the conditions herein-after imposed, will not be injurious to the neighborhood nor to traffic and safety conditions, nor otherwise detrimental to the public safety and welfare, and will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Section XXIIIA of the Zoning By-law.

Accordingly, the Board hereby grants permission for the proposed sign to be erected as shown on the plan submitted and on file with this Authority and located according to the plot plan submitted, drawn by Sidney R. Vaughan, Landsurveyor, subject to the following conditions:

1. That said sign shall not exceed a height of six feet (6'), from the ground to the top of the sign.
2. That said sign shall comply with the provisions of Section XXIIIA, C. 3. a. 4. (Illumination) (a).....
"No sign shall be illuminated except by a white, steady, stationary light shielded and directed solely at the sign."
3. That no colors other than as represented at the hearing, viz, rust and ivory shall be used.

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