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Petition of Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing in the second floor hearing room of the Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 1982 on the petition of WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, requesting a Special Permit to replace and alter a standing sign at their property at 207 WASHINGTON STREET AT CHAPEL PLACE. Said request is made pursuant to Section XXIIA, Part C, Subpart 1-a-1 and Subpart 1-a-4 and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw.

On June 28, 1982, the petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Board, and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Present at the hearing and speaking on behalf of the request was Richard Hight, Chairman of the Property Committee of the Church, who stated that a new sign is needed, one which could be easier seen. He stated that the Committee is willing to go along with the recommendations of the Design Review Board. There was discussion as to the Design Review Board recommendations concerning the number of letter sizes on the proposed sign.

Beth D. Lovewell, 41 Pine Ridge Road, spoke in favor of the petition. No one was present in opposition to the request.

Statement of Facts

The property involved, the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, is located at 207 Washington Street at Chapel Place, in a Single Residence District.

The petitioner is requesting a Special Permit to replace an existing sign in front of the church with a V-shaped sign. John C. Carpenter of the Prudential Committee of the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church sponsored the request.

Drawings of the proposed sign were submitted, drawn by R. Honan Signs, 17 Sea View Avenue, Winthrop, Ma. dated June 14, 1982. A location sketch was also submitted.

The Design Review Board conducted a preliminary review of the proposed sign on June 23, 1982, and voted to approve the sign subject to the following conditions:

- "a) That the proposed V-shape be blunted by connecting the two signs with an 8" panel parallel to the sidewalk;

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- b) That the number of lettering sizes be reduced and made more consistent;
- c) That the proposed shield motif be eliminated in favor of 90 degree corners and straight edges;
- d) That the Board takes notice of the sign's size violating the Zoning Bylaw, but points out that the larger-than-permitted size is in keeping with the monumentality of the location."

The Planning Board, in a letter dated July 7, 1982, stated: "The Planning Board has reviewed and concurs with the report of the Design Review Board. Based on the monumentality of the site, the substantial building setback, the proportions of the sign, its location not being a hazard to traffic or a distraction and the fact that there are no adjacent competing signs, the Planning Board has no objection to the requested sign."

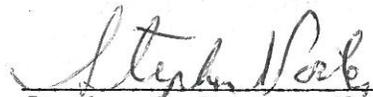
Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted. This Board concurs with Conditions a), c), and d) of the Design Review Board. With regards to Condition b) of the Design Review Board, this Authority accepts the sizes of lettering as originally proposed by the petitioner, but with no additional sizes other than shown on the original drawing dated June 14, 1982.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted for the requested sign, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the proposed V-shape be blunted by connecting the two signs with an 8" panel parallel to the sidewalk.
- 2. That the proposed shield motif be eliminated in favor of 90 degree corners and straight edges.

The Building Inspector is authorized to issue a permit for the sign upon his receipt and approval of an application.


 Stephen S. Porter, Chairman


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