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Petition of Old Colony Bank and Trust Company/Bank of Boston Norfolk

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, May 19, 1983 on the petition of Old Colony Bank and Trust Company of Norfolk County/Bank of Boston Norfolk requesting a Special Permit to erect an illuminated standing sign at 336 Washington Street, in a Business District. Said request is pursuant to Section XXV and Section XXIIA of the Zoning Bylaw.

On May 2, 1983, the petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing and representing the petitioner was John Moore of Sign Systems, Inc. He stated that the petitioner would be willing to follow the recommendations of the Design Review Board and that the sign would only be illuminated during business hours of the bank.

No others were present either favoring or opposing the petition.

Statement of Facts

The property involved is located at 336 Washington Street, in a Business District.

The Old Colony Bank & Trust Company of Norfolk County is changing its name to Bank of Boston Norfolk. The petitioner wishes to replace the existing standing sign with a new sign of the same size and height. Colors would be blue with white letters and a gold eagle. The size of the proposed sign is 4'1" by 5'8 3/4", on a 6" square steel tube, illuminated.

Drawings of the proposed sign were submitted by Sign Systems, Inc., Avon, Ma. A Plot Plan was submitted, drawn by Philip R. Brown, MacCarthy & Sullivan Engineering, Natick, dated October 8, 1975.

The Planning Board, in a letter dated May 12, 1983, stated that it supports the recommendations of the Design Review Board, and emphasized its opinion that the sign should be illuminated only during hours while banking services are being provided by bank employees on the premises.

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The Design Review Board, at its meeting on April 27, 1983, voted that the sign be approved as submitted, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) that the sign's area be no greater than 20 square feet;
- 2) that the bottom of the sign be at least five feet above the ground; and
- 3) that the top of the sign be no greater than ten feet above the ground.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence presented, and is of the opinion that the standing sign as proposed will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the bylaw.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted for an internally illuminated standing sign at Bank of Boston Norfolk, 336 Washington Street, said sign being no greater than 20 square feet in area, as approved by the Design Review Board, with the following conditions:

- 1) that the sign be located no closer than 6 feet from the street line.
- 2) that the sign shall be illuminated only during hours while banking services are being provided by bank employees on the premises.

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

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