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ZBA 88-22
Petition of Family Counseling, Region West, Inc.
219 Washington Street

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 24, 1988 at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room (Conference Room B) at the Town Hall, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, on the petition of FAMILY COUNSELING, REGION WEST, INC. requesting renewal of a Special Permit under the provisions of Section II 8 (b) and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw which will allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic at 219 WASHINGTON STREET, said property being in a Single Residence District.

On March 7, 1988, the petitioner requested a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing was Richard Lawless, Executive Director of Family Counseling, Region West, Inc., who stated that there had been no changes in the operation in the past year. No other persons had any comment on the petition.

Statement of Facts

Family Counseling, Region West, Inc. is a non-profit mental health clinic. It has been renting space from the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society at 219 Washington Street, in a Single Residence District, since 1963. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are approximately 6 part-time employees. All parking is in the parking lot near the building. Family Counseling, Region West, Inc. is licensed by the Department of Public Health. A Special Permit has been granted by the Board of Appeals for the operation since 1980 (ZBA 80-40).

The petitioner is requesting a special permit to operate the mental health clinic. There have been no changes in the operation in the past year.

In a letter dated March 4, 1988, Eleanor Mullin, Executive Director of Friendly Aid, Chest and Council of Wellesley, expressed approval of the petitioner to continue to operate a mental health clinic in the Friendly Aid building.

The Planning Board, at its regular meeting on March 15, 1988, voted to offer no objection to continuation of the use based on the same conditions as are currently in effect.

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Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted, and is of the opinion that the services provided by Family Counseling, Region West, Inc. in the past and at the present time appear to be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Bylaw. Furthermore, the services do not cause a disturbance or disruption to any residential neighborhood.

Therefore, a Special Permit pursuant to Section II 8 (b) is granted to Family Counseling, Region West, Inc. to allow the continued operation of a mental health clinic at 219 Washington Street (property owned by Wellesley Friendly Aid Society) for a period of two years from the date of this decision with the following condition:

1. That all applicable State and local laws shall be complied with as well as recommendations and requirements of the Fire Department and the Building Inspector.

APPEALS FROM THIS DECISION, IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40A, SECTION 17, AND SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING OF THIS DECISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.


Robert R. Cunningham, Acting Chairman


Kendall P. Bates

cc: Planning Board
Inspector of Buildings
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