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Petition of Family Counseling Services, Inc.

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On July 25, 1980, the Petitioner filed his request for a hearing before this Authority and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication. Robert O'Toole, Executive Director, was present at the hearing and spoke on behalf of the petition.

Family Counseling Services, Inc. is a non-profit, social welfare, United Way supported service which is seeking this permit because it is necessary in order to obtain a Determination of Need from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Department of Public Welfare, and the Health Systems Agency. It thereby hopes to facilitate its clients' receipt of insurance and medicare and welfare benefits.

Family Counseling Services has been renting space from the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society since 1950, when the building was expanded. Family Counseling Services was incorporated in 1963; prior to that they were a subsidiary of Wellesley Friendly Aid. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. There are seven employees at this facility, and the petitioner does not expect any increase in traffic to/from the Family Counseling Service.

Statement of Facts

Family Counseling Services, Inc. is a non-profit, social welfare, United Way supported service.

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Petition of Family Counseling Services, Inc. (2)

It presently leases space from the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society. This application for a Special Permit is necessary to the petitioner's obtaining a Certificate of Need from various State departments. The Certificate of Need would increase insurance, medicare and welfare benefits available to its clients.

Decision

The Board grants the petitioner's application for a Special Permit on the grounds that the Family Counseling Service, Inc. is a semi-public institution of a philanthropic character. Furthermore, the services provided by the petitioner have in the past and at the present time appeared to be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Zoning Bylaw.

In the Board's decision of October 21, 1975, granting permission to the Friendly Aid Association to expand its building at 219 Washington Street, the Board noted the semi-public institutional and philanthropic uses to which the Friendly Aid Association (a charitable corporation) puts the premises, which included the lease to the Family Counseling Service, Inc. The Board stated:

"Present activities of the Friendly Aid include providing a home and focus for Family Counseling Service (Region West), a professional social service agency now serving Wellesley, Weston, Wayland, Sherborn and Natick from the Friendly Aid office. Although a separate entity, this operation is an outgrowth of the original Friendly Service Committee of 50 years ago."

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Petition of Family Counseling Services, Inc. (3)

The Board finds that the mental health clinic aspect of the Family Counseling Service's present petition is not different in any material or substantial respect from that provided by the petitioner over the years to Wellesley and the other communities it has served.

This permit is hereby granted for a period of two (2) years from this date as stamped by the Town Clerk, with the condition that the number of employees not be increased by more than one person.

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Petition of Family Counseling Services, Inc., continued

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The Board finds that the mental health clinic aspect of the Family Counseling Service's present petition is not different in any material or substantial respect from that provided by the petitioner over the years to Wellesley and the other communities it has served.

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This permit is hereby granted for a period of one (1) year from this date as stamped by the Town Clerk, with the condition that the number of employees not be increased by more than one person.

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