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St. Paul's Parish
502 Washington Street

Pursuant to due notice, the Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 25, 1991, at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room (Conference Room B) of the Town Hall, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, on the petition of ST. PAUL'S PARISH requesting a variance from the terms of Section XXIIA and pursuant to the provisions of Section XXIV-D of the Zoning Bylaw to allow installation of a double-faced standing sign, each face to have an area of 15 square feet, at a height of 3 feet, set 20 feet back from the front property line on its premises at 502 WASHINGTON STREET, in a General Residence District. Said sign would exceed the maximum area allowed for signage in a General Residence District.

On July 9, 1991, the petitioner requested a hearing before this Authority and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case at the hearing was Brian Baslik, designer and fabricator of the proposed sign. Mr. Baskik said that the directory sign would be removed, if the proposed sign was approved.

No other person present had any comment on the petition.

Statement of Facts

The subject property is located at 502 Washington Street, in a General Residence District, owned by the Archdiocese of Boston and occupied by St. Paul's Parish.

The petitioner is requesting a variance from the provisions of Section XXIIA of the Zoning Bylaw to install a double-faced sign, each face to be 15 square feet, at a height of 3 feet and set back 20 feet from the property line. The maximum allowed area of a sign in a General Residence District is 1 square foot.

St. Paul's Church is currently identified by a small directory sign, which will be removed upon installation of the proposed sign. The proposed sign is requested as the directory sign is not easily visible or readable to vehicular traffic, and provides insufficient identification for the Church.

A site plan, drawing of the proposed sign, and photographs were submitted.

On May 23, 1991, the Design Review Board reviewed the proposed standing sign and voted to approve the design and placement of the sign.

On July 16, 1991, the Planning Board reviewed the petition and voted to offer no objection to the request.

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Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted.

The petitioner is requesting a variance for a sign at 502 Washington Street to identify St. Paul's Church. This Authority is of the opinion that the proposed sign can be allowed as the Church would suffer a hardship if not easily identified by vehicular and pedestrian traffic, particularly in light of the many churches located on Washington Street.

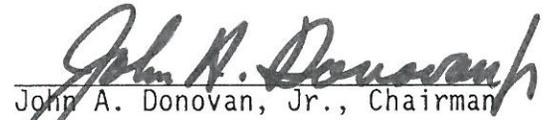
Therefore, a variance is hereby granted for the double-faced sign at 502 Washington Street with a total area of 30 square feet at a height of 3 feet and set back 20 feet from the front property line as shown in the submitted materials noted in the foregoing Statement of Facts, subject to the following condition:

1. That the existing directory sign shall be removed upon installation of the proposed sign.

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

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.

cc: Planning Board
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10'

4 1/2"

POSTS
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TO
MATCH SIGN

Saint Paul Church

DARK WALNUT STAIN
ON MAHOGANY STOCK
2" THICKNESS

GILDED LETTERS

1/2"
GILDED GROOVE

W/ CLEAR PROTECTIVE COATING

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DOUBLE FACE GROUND DISPLAY - HAND CARVED