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Petition of FR Linden Square, Inc.  
180 Linden Street (Oath Pizza)

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The Chairman said that the letter height on the sign at CVS is the same size.

The Board discussed the tenant sign that is shown on the rendering close to the building where Oath is located. A Board member said that the rendering did not show the trees at the planting area.

A Board member confirmed that lighting will be turned off when the store is not open.

There was no one present at the Public Hearing who wished to speak to the petition.

Statement of Facts

The subject property is located at 180 Linden Street, in a Business District and the Linden Street Corridor Overlay District.

The Petitioner is requesting a Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.18 and Section 6.3 of the Zoning Bylaw for installation of two halo lit wall signs with 30 inch letters, where 14 inch letter height is allowed by right.

Letter of Authorization, dated 5/25/22, signed by Laura Polin, Director, Construction & Tenant Services, Federal Realty Investment Trust, Letter to Zoning Board of Appeals, dated 7/14/22, from Brandon Currier & Jenn Robichaud, Barlo Signs, Sheet 1.1, dated 5/13/22, prepared by Barlo International, and Sign Information were submitted.

On July 28, 2022, the Design Review Board reviewed the signs and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the two wall signs.

On August 31, 2022, the Planning Board staff reviewed the petition and recommended that a special permit be approved.

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Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the materials submitted and the information presented at the hearing.

It is the opinion of this Authority that installation of two halo lit wall signs with 30 inch letters, where 14 inch letter height is allowed by right, will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Section 5.18 of the Zoning Bylaw, as the sign scale will be in reasonable relation to development scale, viewer distance and travel speed, and sign sizes on nearby structures; sign size, shape, and placement will serve to define or enhance architectural elements of the building and will not unreasonably interrupt, obscure or hide them; sign design will be in reasonable continuity with the mounting location, height, proportions and materials of other signage on the same or adjacent structures; sign materials, colors, lettering style, illumination and form are reasonably compatible with building design, neighborhood context and use; and sign size, location design and illumination are not judged to present a safety hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

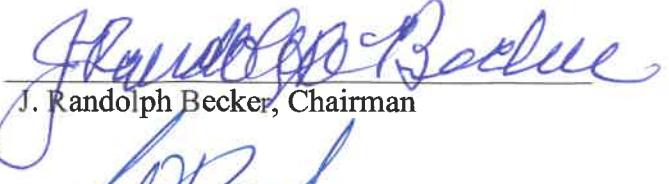
Therefore, a Special Permit is granted for installation of two halo lit wall signs with 30 inch letters, subject to the following condition:

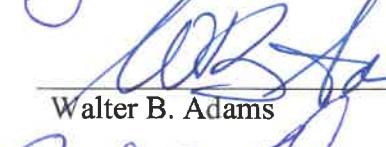
- Sign lighting shall be turned off when the store is closed.

The Inspector of Buildings is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the sign upon receipt and approval of a sign application and any other materials he may require. No sign shall be installed until said permit has been issued.

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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.

  
J. Randolph Becker, Chairman

  
Walter B. Adams

  
Richard L. Seegel

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In accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby certify that twenty (20) days have elapsed after the within decision was filed in the office of the Town Clerk for the Town of Wellesley, and that no appeal has been filed, or that if such appeal has been filed, that it has been dismissed or denied.

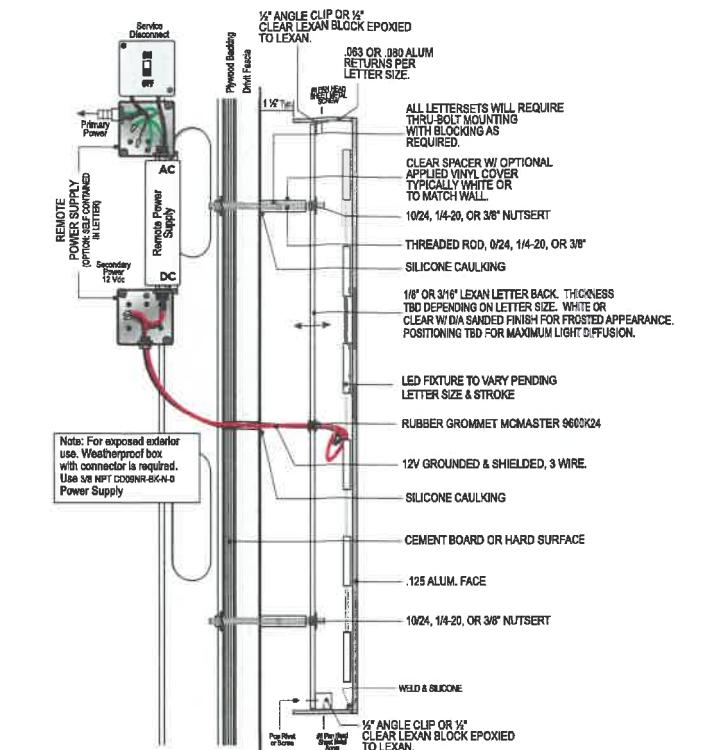
Date:

Attest:

  
Cathryn Jane Kato  
Town Clerk

cc: Planning Board  
Inspector of Buildings  
lrm

Client:	Date:
Design:	Date:
Sales:	Date:
Updating:	Date:
Production:	Date:

 DESIGNER: SS  
SALES REP: HARN  
PM: TBD

 SECTION DETAIL  
HALO-LIT LED  
WALL MOUNTED

## SIMULATED NIGHT VIEW



## SCOPE OF WORK

MANUFACTURE &amp; INSTALL: (2) SET HALO LIT CHANNEL LETTERS

TOTAL SQUARE FEET: 13.74 SQ FT

## COLOR SCHEDULE - CLIENT TO VERIFY

PTM 7725-197 LIGHT NAVY VINYL

 OATH PIZZA  
LINDEN SQUARE  
180 LINDEN STREET  
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05.13.2022  
ITEM  
A/B

SHEET 1.1

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