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**Case #:** ZBA2007-01-R-1008  
**Site:** 33 Earle Street  
**Date:** November 12, 2008  
**Recommendation:** Conditional Approval

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## PLANNING STAFF REPORT

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**Applicant Name:** Gentle Giant Moving Co., Inc.  
**Applicant Address:** 29 Harding Street, Somerville, MA 02143  
**Property Owner Name:** JEK Realty LLC  
**Property Owner Address:** 29 Harding Street, Somerville, MA 02143  
**Alderman:** Heuston

Legal Notice: Applicant Gentle Giant Moving Company, Inc., Owner JEK Realty, LLC, & Agent Adam Dash, Esq., seek a time extension (SZO §5.3.10) to Special Permit ZBA2007-01 for a warehouse use. IP/Ward 2.

Zoning District/Ward: IP / 2

Zoning Approval Sought: Special Permit under SZO§5.3.10

Date of Application: June 10, 2008

Date(s) of Public Hearing: [ZBA: November 19, 2008]

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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION / FINDINGS**

On February 7, 2007 the applicant was granted a Special Permit to change the use of an existing structure from a warehouse to a commercial mover with associated storage facilities and parking.

**The applicant is requesting a Special Permit Extension of the maximum one year in order to extend the life of the original approval until February 7, 2010.**

The current tenant of the property, Lanco Scaffolding, was intending to vacate the premises, which would have allowed the applicant to expand their moving and storage business onto the property. However, the tenant still has a lease on the property and has yet to vacate the premises. Staff finds this extension would afford Lanco Scaffolding more time to relocate their operations and enable Gentle Giant to eventually expand operations onto the property.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Planning Staff **RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL** of the **SPECIAL PERMIT EXTENTION**.