

## Once around the pond.

### First observations:

- Totally under-used
- No contiguous path on perimeter
- Most desirable side on the North

### Questions

- Where is the line separating water district from private land?
- Proposed private development
  - How close to the water district line would development be?
  - How does the snow dumping rights affect the natural sodium and pH balance of the tributary system?

### Suggestions for development

- Minimum
  - a. Contiguous path (8 to 10 feet wide) around current pond dimensions;
  - b. Restoration to point of fishing capability
    - deeper in middle,
    - more accessible shore;
  - c. Skating allowed within reasonable safe limits.
- Preferred

It is the observation of this board member that the most attractive parcel of available land lies on the northwest side of the town watershed area in question. There is a significant amount of fowl life that inhabit this area, creating a pleasant and relaxing diversion of sound and sight. The view from this side although not particularly unusual, does already contain mature vegetation and can be enhanced with little effort to create a denser vale separating the pond from Western Avenue.

The development of a two or three story office complex set into the adjacent existing commercial shopping district would certainly find the views and accessibility to such natural area most desirable. Furthermore developing a three-season promenade along the pond side of this proposed new office complex would surely enhance the uniqueness and up-scale nature that the existing site maintains. Such a promenade can also be developed with a seasonal commercial outdoor facility to better defray costs incurred.

A meeting with Ed Swyer and the McKownville Improvement Association is encouraged to promote this concept and should not be a financial burden on the town or any player involved.

Illustrations for this idea can be produced if requested.