

McKOWNVILLE WATER DISTRICT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

McKOWNVILLE, NEW YORK

May 3, 1956

Town Board
Town of Guilderland
Town Hall
Guilderland, New York

Gentlemen:

On April 21, 1955 you appointed the members of a committee to advise the Town Board in matters concerning the McKownville Water District.

Since that time the entire committee has had ten meetings, in addition to separate meetings of its various sub-committees. In its consideration of both immediate problems and those for long-range improvements, the committee has called upon various authorities for consultation, including Barker & Wheeler on engineering problems and to obtain cost estimates; Hall and Company, Inc. in relation to shallow wells; and has consulted with both the County and State Health Departments in relation to the public health aspects of the water supply problems. We also wish to take this occasion to thank Mr. John J. Welsh, Town Supervisor, for his attendance at most of our meetings and for the assistance he has given the Committee.

Because of the need for immediate action, a number of the Committee's recommendations were made to you soon after its organization, and others were made from time to time thereafter. These recommendations include:

1. Immediate treatment to check growth of algae.
2. Exercise of greater care in the operation of the filter plant.
3. Filling of erosion in the embankment at the dam.
4. Installation of a new section of main on the north side of Western Avenue so that use of the broken main on the south side could be discontinued and loss of water checked.
5. That a boat be used in treating the reservoir for algae.
6. Employment of a consulting chemist to advise the filter plant operator.

Town Board
Page 2
May 3, 1956

We believe that as a result of these recommendations there was marked temporary improvement in the quality of the water so long as the recommendations were being observed.

We were recently apprised of the fact that a consulting chemist is no longer employed to advise the filter plant operator, and the Committee wishes to take this opportunity to strongly recommend that immediate arrangements be made to again employ a consulting chemist for this purpose.

On behalf of the Committee, I transmit to you herewith the Committee's final report containing recommendations for long-range improvements.

With this action we consider that the McKownville Water District Citizens' Advisory Committee is dissolved.

Respectfully yours,



Marion L. Henry
Chairman