

# Group Cancels Meet on Its Incorporation Plan

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The McKownville Improvement association has cancelled the meeting it planned to discuss village incorporation "until more information on apartment construction is made available."

Hugh Prytherch, president of the organization, said: "The very rapid action taken by the Town Board was not expected by our directors."

The Town Board has scheduled a public hearing at 8 p. m. Monday on a zoning change recommended by the Town Planning Board. By decreasing the lot size requirements, the proposed change would permit construction of high-rise apartments.

The improvement association contends that apartments would consume a large amount of water from McKownville reservoir, now being expanded, and would present fire protection difficulties. And it has threatened to incorporate the McKownville Fire and Water Districts to escape town zoning laws.

Referring to one project under consideration, which would feature 300 apartment units, a statement by the Water Advisory Board, appointed by the Guilderland Town Board, says the apartments would use 45,000 gallons of water per day. No application to build such apartments has been filed with the town.

"The result," the report states, "would defeat the purpose of the water system improvements, which were to benefit primarily the present occupants of residential property in McKownville."

Guilderland Supervisor Gordon Robinson has said the McKownville group should wait until the public hearing when all available information on the zoning change will be discussed.