

McKOWNVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1965

Held at the McKownville Fire House

Present: ABELE, FELDMANN, RICHEY, SWYER, PURDY

Absent: HAMME, DASCHER, ZYNIECKI, SCHWARTZ, REYNDERS

Called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Chairman Abele

Proposed acquisition of Church Pond and the watershed area to the north of it were discussed. Abele reported that after lack of results from repeated requests from this Board that the Supervisor investigate acquisition of the pond, he had contacted Harold Lapham, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, McKownville Methodist Church, direct which produced the following information:

1. Mr. Robinson had recently contacted the Church and the leasing of the dam was discussed. It was felt that purchase of the entire pond would be prohibitive in cost.
2. The Church has already been approached relative to purchase of the lands to the north of the pond. They do not wish to sell at this time and we were assured we would be advised before anything was done.

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A motion was made by Swyer, seconded by Purdy, that a letter be written to Supervisor Robinson pressing the urgency to protect this existing supply and watershed and request that a lease for the dam be accomplished without further delay as well as some step to safeguard our watershed north of the pond. Possibly a perpetual easement could be obtained in this area which could be terminated by mutual agreement of the Church and the Town.

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Additional water storage to the west of the present reservoir was discussed. It was felt that by dredging the area west of the power dam possibly 1,000,000 gallons could be impounded. The dredged material could be used for fill on the adjoining land. Mr. Purdy agreed to talk to Engineer Fraser on this matter.

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Richey is to contact the Conservation Department relative to stocking the reservoir with fish and planting the perimeter.

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Motion by Swyer, seconded by Purdy, to send a letter of thanks to Frank Leavitt of the United States Department of Agriculture for their report which was read and studied.

The new theater building north of Stuyvesant Plaza was discussed and any possible impact on the water supply. All felt that it would have no ill effect on the water and it was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Gronvall informing him of our feelings in this matter.

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A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Abele, to approve the allowance of drainage from the roofs and parking lots for the proposed new buildings to enter the reservoir.

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Fencing the reservoir was discussed. Mr. Swyer reported the cost prohibitive. He suggested, as a compromise, that the existing fence be continued to the wall of Whitney's on one side and the filtration plant on the other.

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The progress of the present plant alteration was discussed as well as the current use of water which seems to be somewhat below last year, probably due to spasmodic rain showers and cooler weather.

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Motion by Purdy, seconded by Richey, to adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

Fred B. Abele, Chairman