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Applicant John P. MacArthur, an Albany attorney, said he was representing the 1520 Western Avenue Corp. of Guilderland, which seeks rezoning of 3.2 acres of land at 1520 Western Avenue. The area lies between Schoolhouse Road and the Thruway Bridge, and is presently zoned agricultural.

A change to local business is requested so that a 2½-story office building and a restaurant may be built. He said there were no buyers for either structure but his clients had "a string of options" from prospective purchasers.

Objection Voiced

One objection was registered, that by Hugh W. Prytherch, president of the McKownville Improvement Association. He conceded that the property was valuable and probably too valuable to be zoned agricultural, but objected to "auctioning it to the highest bidder." Also, he said, "there are too many restaurants now," and he preferred to see more "specific information."

Board member Michael Hannan added that the area was heavily congested now, remarking: "You are only going to compound" traffic problems.

The board also voted to extend the completion date of the Westmere Water District to Jan. 31, and establish a date for an informational meeting on the proposed merger of the Birchmont and McKownville Water Districts. The session will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church at 8 p.m., Jan. 22.

The board established a