

'Sizzlebord

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Face-lifting of a gas station and introduction into the area of a national restaurant chain were the major topics discussed by the Guilderland Town Zoning Board of Appeals Friday night.

The board, at its last meeting of the year, approved the third request by Salvatore J. Fiato, Slingerlands, for a special use permit on his property at 1244-46 Western Avenue. All three requests have involved permission to lease the land to a restaurant franchise. Twice before, permission was granted, but no action was taken to follow through.

Frank Warner, attorney for Mr. Fiato, explained that in both cases, "contractual problems" forced abandonment of construction plans.

THE LATEST application concerns the "Sizzlebord" delicatessen-style restaurant chain. James Boudreau of Boston, the concern's construction manager, explained the eating place's workings to the board.

According to Mr. Boudreau, the restaurant, which will seat 74 persons and serve a variety of hot and cold sandwiches and beverages, will do very little cooking on its premises.

"All our meats are delivered pre-cooked and warmed in microwave ovens," he said. "Only french fries will be made, and even they will be blanched beforehand."

Thomas Birmingham, a representative of TJB Realty, Colonie, and agent for the property, explained that sanitary provisions and ingress-egress details had been modified so as to be acceptable to the authorities. According to Mr. Warner, one of the previous requests had been turned down by the County Health Department on the grounds that the septic tank plans were inadequate.

MEMBERS OF THE community raised questions which resulted in further modification at the hearing. Edward Ocker, 5 Arcadia Avenue, whose property borders the proposed restaurant site, requested that a permanent trash receptacle be located in an area somewhere other than on his property line. Hugh Pretherch, McKownville, asked the board to require that a sign forbidding eating in cars be placed inside the restaurant. Both requests were agreed to by the applicants.