

McKownville Residents Oppose Zoning Change

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife and I, along with many other people in the surrounding area in McKownville have become quite concerned with the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial by the Guilderland Town Board of properties at 1245 Western Avenue, 1257 Western Avenue, 1451 Western Avenue, 1461 Western Avenue and 1 Parkwood Street.

The owner of the first two properties, Mr. Quadrini, wishes these rezoned for purposes of building a motel or other type of commercial venture. Property at 1257 Western Avenue goes back from Western approximately 300 feet and adjoins the backyard of all residents on Knowles Terrace. Therefore, this proposal creates a very unpleasant situation for a peaceful street.

Residents of this area recently learned that 1451 Western Avenue (Dr. Rissacher's office) and 1461 Western Avenue (Dr. Mastrianni's office) have not been in compliance with zoning regulations, which require that professional offices which are zoned residential must be occupied by their owner or some member of the owner's family. The town government either didn't know of this fact or else chose not to notice until residents near 1 Parkwood Street opposed Dr. Harff's buying the property to be used as a dental office.

Coming back from our vacation in the middle of August, we discovered that the hearing on 1 Parkwood Street had already been held, and hearings on the other properties would be on Sept. 12.

Meetings have been held since that time by residents of the area and the consensus is that

spot rezoning on the north side of Western Avenue is inconsistent with the town's master plan, for which a considerable amount of the taxpayers' money has been spent. It is also inconsistent with the deed restrictions of the County Club Highlands.

Also, traffic problems resulting from spot rezoning on Western Avenue have caused not only aggravation to people trying to pull into or out from side streets along Western Avenue but numerous accidents. There is also the very real danger of fire or other emergency vehicles not being able to reach their destination immediately.

For the above-mentioned reasons, it is important that the Town Road refuse rezoning of the north side of Western Avenue and keep it residential.

It is also extremely important that all concerned residents call Carl Walters, town supervisor, to protest against this rezoning, and that they be at the town meeting Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. at Guilderland Town Hall.

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