

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

October 16, 1974

Members Present:	Melvyn Behn	Steve Finn
	Timothy Cohan	Lloyd Lininger
	John Davis	Verla McCarville
	James Dermody	Margaret McKinley
	John Esler	Donald Reeb
		Alice Torda

1. John Esler spoke of the increase in maximum expenditure for the sewer district, which was discussed at a recent Sewer District meeting. He gave the background on the new sewer district to go into effect January 1, 1975; indicating that most of the users would be the new apartment complexes; he mentioned that there would be a Town Meeting on October 16, to which people should be encouraged to attend and ask questions, in order that members of Town Board be aware of resident feelings.
2. The next item discussed was the recent action by the Town Board on the re-zoning of the Domenico property at 7 Fuller Road. Mr. Esler stated that although this property was listed as being "residential" on the Master Plan Town Board indicated that it was actually "commercial" and it was an oversight in not being listed as such on the Master Plan. Discussion followed regarding the affect of future "mistakes" of this nature by Town Board and its affect on the Master Plan. Further discussion followed on other special use permits.
3. The issue of Dr. Mastrianni followed. A suggestion was made that we consult and attorney regarding a route to follow. Questions were raised as to what accomplishments were to be expected; whether we had a case or not; the matter of excessive blacktop; multi-practice use of the Domenico property; and the like. The suggestion was made that several people talk to Stanley Rosen regarding this matter.

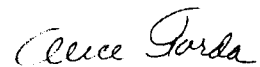
Brief discussion followed on the idea of incorporation as a "not for profit" corporation, with advantages for such action; whether there was a basis for action in light of the over-ruling of the Albany County Planning Board against the re-zoning and current deed restrictions on the property at 7 Fuller Road. A vote was taken, with 9 for, and 3 abstentions, favoring some kind of action. Mr. Behn made a suggestion that a letter be written to the Town Board before the next meeting, that the proposed dentist's office practice at 7 Fuller Road be restricted to a one-dentist practice; Mr. Reeb suggested that the residents of Elmwood Street attend the meeting and insist on green areas, buffer zones, etc.; that a resolution be submitted requesting that green areas, screening, and the like be considered when variances were issued. A motion was made, with unanimous approval, that a letter be written to the Town Board prior to the meeting, expressing that these items of concern be accomplished.

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4. Steve Finn spoke of a questionnaire on an independent study project which he was involved with, indicating that he wished to do a study on McKownville on land use. He indicated that a questionnaire would be distributed to all residents, to be followed up by an individual interview with all participants, town board members, various interest groups, merchants, etc., in order to assess the thoughts of all. The questionnaire would be widely distributed and circulated in order that the widest possible population in McKownville could be reached. The results would be reported early in the year. He mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Walters regarding this, and Mr. Walters was to bring it up at the next Town Board Meeting. However, after the next Town Board meeting, Mr. Walters indicated that he forgot to bring it up but would speak to each Town Board member individually about the project.
5. Mrs. McKinley stated that this was the 50th year of the McKownville Improvement Association and that that perhaps wide publicity could be garnered. She would consult with Mr. Abele (historian) and others regarding the history of the Association.
6. Other items discussed included the value of the water and buildings of the reservoir; permanent easement to the property, and intentions for future use.

A tentative meeting was mentioned for early December.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Torda, Secretary