

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

February 19, 1975 -- Christ Lutheran Church

Mr. Esler opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Matthew Delany, the Town Planning Consultant, our guest speaker for the evening.

Mr. Delany reviewed the studies which were done by a group of State University students. In an overall sense, Mr. Delany indicated that they were poorly done. He stated that as Town Planning Consultant, none of the persons involved in doing the research ever tried to contact him; there was no evidence that they read the Master Plan, or even discussed it with any Town officials, etc. Therefore, he did not give much credibility to anything which was said in these reports. Mr. Delany mentioned the following about McKownville--it's along a major transportation route and therefore there would be traffic problems; it's a high density area by virtue of the fact that it is a mature community; it's a pleasant place in which to live if it is maintained; McKownville residents should try to keep commercialism out as long as possible. He indicated that there were no long-range solutions to the traffic problems since highway construction plans have been shelved by the Department of Transportation. He also said there were very few recreational facilities other than Tawasentha Park and that the Town was studying the needs for recreational facilities in McKownville and other areas of the Town.

The ownership of the McKownville Reservoir was discussed and the possibility of developing this area into a recreational facility, along with bike trails, and the like, was mentioned as a possibility. He indicated that the Planning Board is in the process of developing a recreational plan and that they would contact us (the Association) for a review of it.

Mr. Esler thanked Mr. Delany for a most interesting and informative presentation.

Old Business discussed was:

1. The Reservoir, Harrington's Pond, stream reclassification, and the need for resoring these areas.
2. The Doctor's issue--it was stated that this case is NOT in litigation--that it was cited as a violation-- and that Mr. Crouse was preparing to go to the next court for action, which is long over-due.
3. Mr. Esler spoke of our letter of January 14, 1975 to the Town Board regarding the maintenance of the sidewalks up to Providence Street along Fuller Road. He indicated that these sidewalks have been maintained thus far.
4. The problem of arson fires in the area, mainly garages, was discussed. State Police have asked that residents be aware and watchful of any suspicious incidents and that they report them promptly so that investigations can begin.

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5. *Other items discussed were the sewer systems, land use (P.U.D.), housing for elderly, cluster housing, and the like on un-developed areas, along with maintaining a quality residential area, and a general review of the reports submitted by the students.*

*The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. Refreshments followed.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Alice Torda*

*Alice Torda, Secretary*