

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

May 21, 1975

Tom Sawyer Motor Inn - 8 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Harold Crouse, (Zoning Board, Town of Guilderland)

Mr. Esler opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Harold Crouse of the Town Zoning Board. Mr. Crouse spoke of the various re-zoning areas in McKownville and how the Town Board proceeds with rezoning. Several zoning items of concern were presented--the Transcendental Meditation group on Fuller Road which seems to be creating a traffic problem in addition to possible violation (Mr. Crouse indicated that this matter had their attention--the group was served with a violation); they currently possess a Special Use Permit and indications are that the tenants live elsewhere. In addition, the conformance of "church" was not appropriate in the area. An appearance is due before the Zoning Board on May 30 as "Home Occupancy".

The continuing problem of the doctors was also brought up. Questions indicated that the Town has not acted faster on the issue and the doctors seem to want to keep the matter open "until there is some Democratic judge in Albany that will solve it". The violation was brought up before the local justice--the Town doesn't want to drive the doctors out, but doesn't want the problem either. Is there some other way to solve it? The matter is before the Supreme Court in Albany and it is being pursued as a violation of the local law. Questions from the floor were raised as to "spot zoning" and "strip zoning". Mr. Crouse indicated that a person has a right to the use of his property--whatever that may be. He stated that although McKownville is a residential area, times are changing and pressure is on to change areas. Another item of concern was the multi-occupancy of one-family dwellings by students. Guilderland zoning calls for a "family" as being five unrelated persons. Albany zoning calls for three unrelated. The Town is aware that this is happening--apartments are being built in homes, but in order for legal action to be taken, the Town has to have evidence and without a specific inspection this is difficult to prove.

Mr. Esler thanked Mr. Crouse of a very informative presentation. Mr. Esler spoke of the approval by the Department of Transportation for installation of sidewalks from Hannan's Pharmacy to Fuller Road. A report from the Water Advisory Board, chaired by Fred Abele, was read by J. Esler in Mr. Abele's absence. Mr. Esler spoke of consolidation of water districts and implications of taxes and increased costs to residents. Floridation of water was discussed--Mr. Purdy (who also serves on the Water Advisory Board) explained that there was enough 'natural floridation' in the water without additions to it. Most of those present agreed that the water quality was much improved since the turnover to Westmere. The continuing issue of ownership of the McKownville Reservoir was discussed--(Town of Guilderland vs. residents of McKownville). Mr. Esler acknowledged the very positive response by Stuyvesant Plaza this past winter in the maintenance of the sidewalks on Fuller Road to Providence Street.

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at Fuller Road (indication was that approval was made by D.O.T.--Steve Whittam will check into this); the planting of decorative shrubs and bushes by the Reservoir, and the like.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice Torda".

Alice Torda, Secretary