

Restaurant seeks new zone status

GUILDERLAND — The town Planning Board will consider tonight whether land around a McDonald's restaurant on Western Avenue should be rezoned to allow for the construction of a drive-through window.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in Town Hall on Western Avenue.

The Town Board has asked the Planning Board for its recommendation on rezoning the site from B-1 to B-2, the town's heaviest business usage.

The rezoning request covers property extending from Church Road to Chapman Drive along Western Avenue, including the McDonald's restaurant and a Sunoco gas station.

Residents of the area expressed concern at the April Town Board meeting that the McDonald's addition would cause increased litter and worsen air quality.

The Town Board, if the Planning Board makes its recommendation tonight, will consider action on the rezoning request at its agenda meeting Tuesday, and at its formal meeting May 12.

The Planning Board also will consider tonight:

- Granting final approval to developer Phil Roberts' Woodscape development, a 182-unit development off McKown Road near the Bethlehem town line.

Final approval was expected at the board's April 20 meeting, but was delayed when it was discovered the Albany County Planning Board had not approved the project. Since then, the county board issued a recommendation of "no objection."

Roberts' Woodscape plan calls for 94 townhouses and 88 single family residences on approximately 71 acres.

- A request by the Town Board for a recommendation on the zoning designation for a portion of Willow Street which recently has been annexed to Guilderland. Residents of the area in question voted in April to join the town, leaving the city of Albany.

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