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Bedminster Planning Board meeting notes (special)

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Special Meeting, December 4, 1962

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The Planning Board of the Township of Bedminster met in Special Session at the home of Mr. Nelson Slater at 8:00 P.M. on this date. Members present were Chairman Fales, Messrs. Kean, Field, Slater, Smith and Winkler. Others present were Mr. Ten Eyck, Planning Consultant Charles K. Agle, Counsel Bowlby and the Secretary.

The Board generally discussed the supply of water from artesian wells and also the facilities to be provided by the Round Valley reservoir.

Mr. Ten Eyck stated that the Township's initial cost in connection with the Round Valley Project would be \$1,500.00 per million gallons of water. No additional cost would be involved until the pipe line is in operation.

Mr. Smith made mention of a 41 acre tract in the Pottersville area where the erection of 20 houses is contemplated. He further advised that the tract in question is in a one acre zone.

Chairman Fales stated that the zoning in the Pottersville area should be re-examined and that consideration should be given to a 2 or 3 acre residence zone and a possible change in the business zone.

Mr. Agle advised that, on first impression, the Pottersviile area does not appear to need re-zoning.

Mr. Field reviewed the reasons for the zoning in Pottersville as it is at the present time. He advised that, at the time the ordinance was drafted, there was pressure for small area zoning.

Mr. Ten Eyck stated that, in 1946, Mr. Bassett, Sr. wrote a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that the entire Pottersville area be zoned for $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lots. The Commission finally established a 5 acre zone on the north side of Pottersville Road and a 1 acre zone on the south side of that road.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to write to the Clerk of Tewksbury Township requesting a copy of their zoning ordinance and map.

Mr. Agle advised the Board that he is interested in the history of the Pottersville area and what supported the various township areas in the past.

The Board discussed the history of the Pottersville and Pluckemin areas for the benefit of Mr. Agle.

Mr. Agle suggested that the Board consider the development of the Schley Mountain property for occupancy by a hotel, motel, or high-rise apartments. He also suggested that consideration be given to some industrial occupancy in the township area.

Mayor Kean pointed out that Pluckemin area services are used by Bridgewater Township residents.

Mr. Agle mentioned that the state agency in Trenton appears to think that the application of Bedminster Township for planning assistance is in order.

Mr. Agle suggested that consideration be given to shopping center occupancy in the area of the new highway interchange. He also mentioned that he is not certain that the present slide-by design of the interchange is to the best interests of the township.

It was agreed that the next meeting with Mr. Agle would be held at Mr. Slater's residence at 8:00 P.M. on January 29, 1962. It was also agreed that the next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be held at the municipal building on Monday, January 28, 1962.

The Board thanked Mr. Slater for his kind hospitality.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest: Secretary: Secretary: