Neighbors object...

(Continued from page 4) river floods in the spring and would be a hazard to children.

Andy Crichton, 5 Charles Street, and Mrs. F. Phipps, 7 Charles St., stated they backed up the statements made by Mr. Binkley.

Solicitor Clint Banbury, speaking for Mr. and Mrs. Art Jamieson, 1 Charles Street, also opposed the change in land use. He said his clients bought their home some time ago on the assumption it was open space. He claimed they felt any change should be only for recreational and park purposes.

MacKenzie, Jean Valloyview Rd. pointed out when the land was bought from Sid Orr, the original owner of all that area, it was definitely understood the land was open space. He said she was worried about the remaining eight acres being developed at some later date.

Booth replied the eight acres is in the flood-plain of the river. He explained planning board had four choices: to recommend the amendment be given three readings, and forwarded with the objections to the Ministry of Housing for their decision on an OMB hearing; to turn down the application for an amendment, in which case the developer can appeal to the OMB; to buy the land make it a park; or to try to find some design that would make the residents happy.

Booth commented the last was unlikely.

Planner Mario Venditti, in reply to a question from Councillor Pete Pomeroy, said the lots averaged 7,000 square feet, and the homes would conform to R1 requirements.

Goerge Thomas,, when asked about the specific size of the homes he may build, remarked, "I've had many years to think about it and feel they will be between 1,800 and 2,000 square feet, as big or bigger than existing homes in the area.

Asked about an estimated cost of buying the land, the planner put the 12 lots at \$360,000 and the remaining land around \$100,000.

Booth said if the Credit Conservation Valley Authority shared the cost, it would be around \$250,000 for the town.

The planner said the CVCA doesn't want anything to do with land less than 10 acres.

After a long silence with no motion forth coming, Booth prodded the planning board to say something.

Mayor Tom Hill said he would make a motion to recommend approval of the amendment and three readings of the bylaw and forward it along with objections to the Ministry of Housing.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy said he wanted to make sure the land north of the road, off Main Street, could never be built upon and asked how that could be done. This land is closer to Main Street than the area proposed for the homes.

Venditti said that land could be the parkland given in the subdivision instead of five per cent cash.

Councillor George Maltby agreed, pointing if the land along the Road 1 comes under the residential designation there would be nothing to stop the land from being built on in the future. He said that parcel is not in the floodplain.

The motion was changed to make sure this portion is not included in the residential designation in the Official Plan.

Booth said he would vote against the motion, but admitted he appreciated the owner's problem since the land is zoned for develop-

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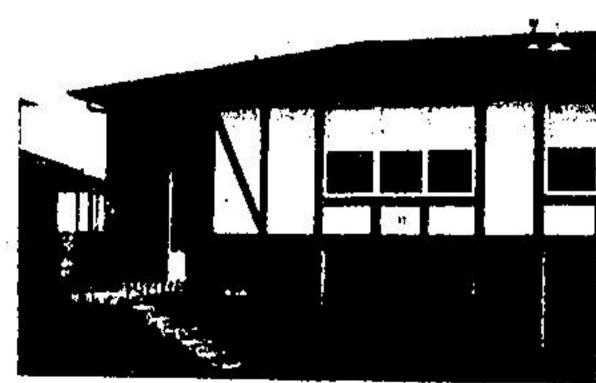
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