

Stonebarn inn history?

Charlestown Homes wants to build detached houses and not a 100-room inn-conference centre at the entrance to the Stonebarn Estates.

Eramosa Council has asked for a legal opinion on the proposed change following a staff report indicating that there is sewage capacity available for the project, if Charlestown will pay its share of infrastructure upgrade costs through development charges.

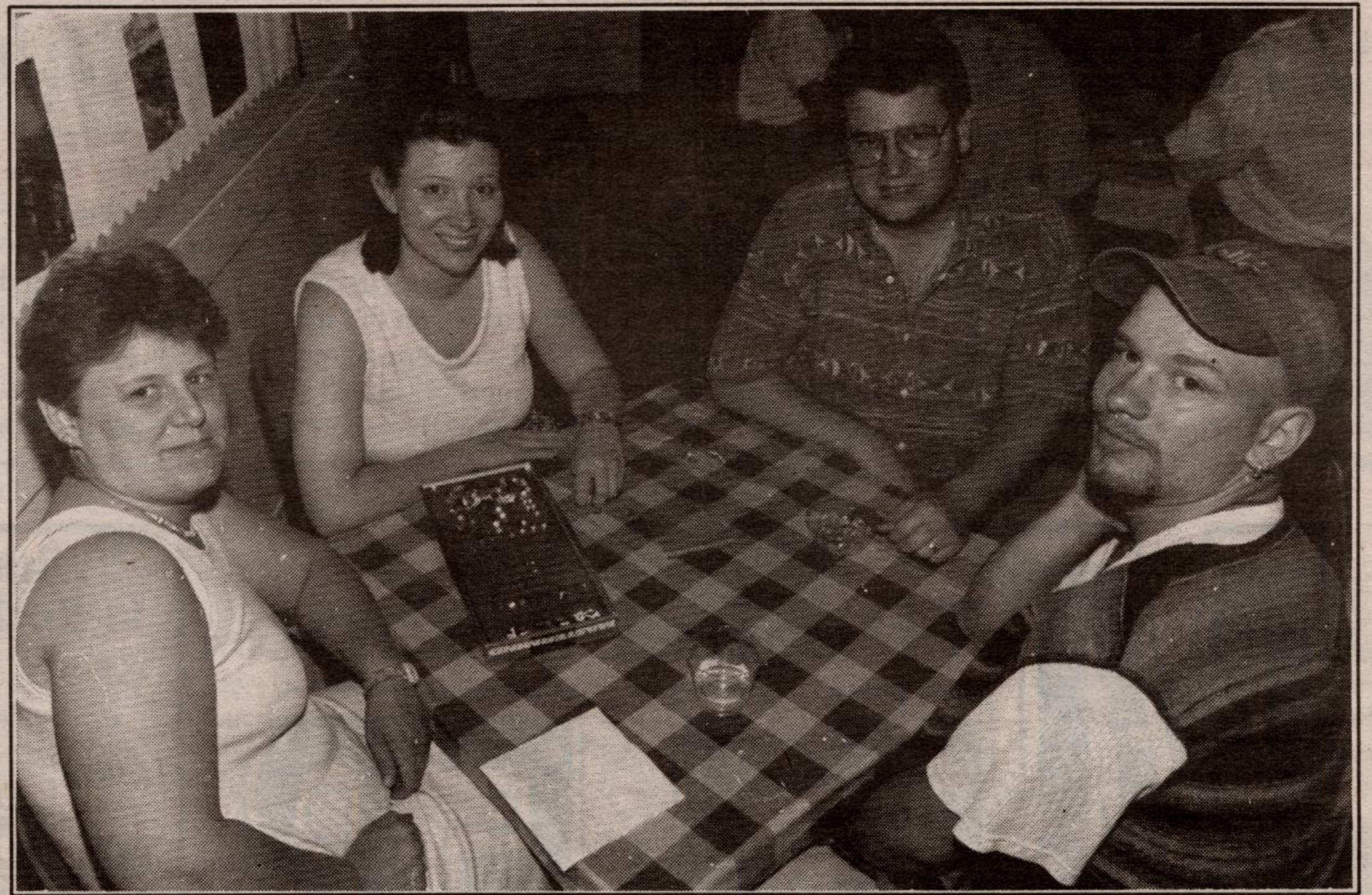
The early-1980s approval of the Stonebarn Estates included an inn, to be located in a heritage stone

barn on the property.

That barn was later torn down when it was determined it could not be rehabilitated.

Reeve Rick Hughes said the switch to single detached homes from an inn is just an informal proposal at this time.

"In order to get a residential designation, they would need a re-zoning and an official plan amendment. All we've had so far is a letter asking if sewage capacity is available," Hughes explained in an interview on Friday.



PUB NIGHT! From left, Bonita McNutt, Angel Michielsen, Ray McNutt and Craig Strickland play Super Mastermind at English Pub Night last Friday at St. John Anglican Church. (Eve Martin photo)

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Animal hospital to open in fall

The Rockwood Veterinary Clinic, Eramosa's first full-service companion animal hospital, is slated to open the first week of September at 179 Main St. S.

Rockwood resident Dr. Claire Maine has Eramosa Township Council's approval for a re-zoning to allow the hospital, and is now waiting for a 20-day appeal period to expire on July 16.

On Monday, Eramosa Council will vote on the final agreement, which is now being written by the Township's lawyer.

Dr. Maine said "major, extensive" renovations will be done to the leased building, including

soundproofing and a ventilation system, so upstairs tenants and neighbours will not be bothered by the animals at the clinic.

Dr. Maine, a University of Guelph graduate who is currently working in Stoney Creek, said she will be hiring a full-time and a part-time employee and a technician. Her partner, Dr. Michael Levine, will join the hospital as soon as it is established.

Dr. Maine said that when she first approached Council last year, then-Reeve Leverne Harris, a veterinarian himself, raised some issues that caused delays.

"Dr. Harris was, I think, acting under the guise of the best interest of Council, but what he succeeded in doing was to confuse the issue by using technology to create a bit of a smoke screen," Maine said in an interview on Monday.

Harris cautioned Council against using the term "vet clinic" instead of "companion animal hospital" in its by-law, but Maine said Harris was incorrect according to the College of Veterinarians of Ontario regulations.

Maine also said that, "If Harris had created any more trouble for us, we would have been doing a corporate search to determine if he had a conflict or pecuniary interest because of his earlier ownership of the Brookville veterinary clinic."

The new Rockwood facility will provide complete veterinary services for small animals, including radiology, major surgery and overnight hospitalization.

No outside kennels, runs or pens will be allowed, nor will there be any boarding of animals, except those that are convalescing.

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