

# Guilderland May Change Zoning To Keep Professionals in Town

Guilderland residents, who have bombarded Town Supervisor Carl Walters with over 100 letters protesting the planned eviction of a physician, a dental surgeon and a chiropractor because of zoning, will have the opportunity to speak at a public hearing on a proposal to amend the zoning laws.

Current zoning law forbids professional practice in a residential area unless the practitioner lives on the site of his practice.

Mr. Walters told those attending a town board meet-

ing yesterday about receiving the letters opposed to evicting the health practitioners from sites in McKownville.

He said the board held an informal meeting with residents and professionals in the McKownville area. It was decided the only way to resolve the issue was to amend the law, he said.

A HEARING will be held on the amendment at the next town board meeting July 10 at 8:30 p.m. and a vote will also be scheduled, Mr. Walters said.

He said if the amendment is not approved, the professionals' offices will then be in

violation of the law as non-conforming uses.

The board also heard representatives of the Spawn Road Home Owners Association last night. They presented petitions with over 80 signatures expressing opposition to town widening of Spawn Road, off Route 146.

The town has spent about \$5,000 in engineering plans, but Mr. Walters said he was not going to push residents into something they didn't want. He said, however, that if they decided not to accept the project he did not want any more complaints about drainage problems in the area.