

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Town Hall

11/17/87

8:00 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Holbrook
Councilmen Carey, Maloney,
Councilman Lettre absent, Councilwoman Smith late
John Costa, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

RE: PROPOSED GROUP HOME - 78 DEMAREST AVENUE, WEST NYACK, NEW YORK

Supervisor Holbrook called meeting to order.
Assemblage saluted the Flag. Supervisor announced that Councilwoman
Smith would be delayed just a short while but would be in attendance.

Supervisor stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting
is to give information concerning a community residence to be
sponsored by Loeb House and to be located at 78 Demarest Avenue,
West Nyack, New York. In the past we have permitted the applicant
to make a presentation, explain what they are proposing and then
permit the public to ask questions and have them answered here.
Supervisor said the Town Board within certain limitations can take
some action. There is no action which the Town Board will propose
tonight. If the Town Board decides to take any action with regard
to the community residence we would do so at the meeting of November
24th.

Supervisor asked the applicant to make the presentation.

Appearance: Mr. John A. Murphy,
215 Rockland Road
Pearl River, New York 10965

Mr. Murphy said he is the Chairman of the Board of
Directors of Loeb House, Inc. and will be one of three people making
the presentation. He stated that his Vice Chairman of the Board is
Mrs. Kathleen Lukens and the full time Executive Director is Donna
Cosmello. He said there would be a small slide show to acquaint the
public with community residences.

Mr. Murphy said Loeb House is a private, not for
profit, local Rockland County agency that is certified by the New
York State Office of Mental Hygiene to establish and operate
community residences in the community. This particular residence at
Demarest Avenue, West Nyack, will be for youngish people who have
experienced disorders that are mind and emotionally related. This
will be the fourth facility for Loeb House. He said they operate a
supervised community residence at 3 Williams Street in New City; an
intensively supported apartment complex on Old Route 202 in
Haverstraw; and a scattered apartment site program. He said the
Board of Directors of Loeb House is an off shoot of the Board of
Directors of Venture, the founder and Executive Director of which is
the Vice Chairman of this Board. He said they are presenting
themselves to the community with a twenty-one year history of
serving people in the community.

Mr. Murphy said in the interest of brevity he would ask
Kathleen Lukens, who is the foundress of the community residential
movement in the county to tell about its origins, its history and
its successes and failures. Donna Cosmello will give you the
particulars of this specific house. We will then give you the show
and with the kindness of the Board we will present ourselves to
answer the questions of any future neighbor or the board itself.

Appearance: Kathleen Lukens
Executive Director of Venture and
Member of Board of Directors of Loeb House

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Mrs. Lukens said eleven years ago Camp Venture opened the first community residence for retarded and disaoled adults in Rockland County. It was opened in Clarkstown in Nanuet and it is still there. She said since then we have opened twelve more homes. Despite the fact that in all those years and in all those homes we've created and in all those years no Venture resident has ever gotten into trouble with the police, has never caused an embarrassment to their community, or has never been a problem, every time we try to open a home we run into the same opposition, the same arguments and the same disquietude. She said people persist in believing that somehow having a group home in their neighborhood is going to have an adverse effect on their property values. In no community in Rockland County where Venture has established a home has there ever been an adverse effect on property values.

Mrs. Lukens referred to a study done eleven years ago called the Princeton Study and stressed that people will buy homes in an area where there is a group home. She said arguments to the contrary will not hold up. She said she feels that the mentally ill, like the mentally handicapped, are more sinned against than sinners, more victim than victimizer. She described the way they are treated by "normal" people. She also described the good works in which the handicapped are engaged.

She said the risk of people moving into a neighborhood is far less when those people are supervised by an agency with 24 hour staff than if those people were just an unknown neighbor "x" or "y." She stated that you will never have an opportunity to be so involved in the lives of your new neighbors as you will have when Loeb House comes there.

She said if you people run true to form five years from now someone will ask you "How come you've made such a sacrifice to help people that you don't even know?" She said perhaps your answer will be like that of a handicapped person she had spoken with who answered "My life has been so fortunate I want to share it with somebody not so lucky."

Appearance: Ms. Donna Cosmello, Executive Director
Loeb House

Ms. Cosmello gave a brief description of the program and the way in which it would be set up stating that there would be twelve people living in the house under twenty-four hour supervision. They will be going to work, school, programs, do volunteer work, etc. They are not encouraged to stay at home or in their rooms. She described the location as being advantageous for their use.

Ms. Cosmello then gave a slide presentation of life in a community residence.

Mr. Murphy thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to make their plans known.

Supervisor Holbrook read a letter from Msgr. Cox in favor of the proposed group home. A copy of that letter is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Appearance: Ms. Marjorie McLaughlin, Assoc. Exec. Dir.
St. Dominic's Home
Blauvelt, New York

She described operations at St. Dominics and the two community residences being operated by them in Rockland County. She said in the three years that the community residences have been established there has not been one incident of disturbance in the community. She described the activities in which their residents are involved. She said they can become members of the community

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with support and help of the community at large. She suggested that the people in attendance this evening get a copy of a report, at a cost of \$4.00, - the Crisp Report titled "There Goes the Neighborhood." The report indicates that there has been no negative impact upon the property values of areas where there are community residences. There have also been no increases in crime nor deterioration in the neighborhood. She said St. Dominics lend their support to this much needed program in the County. In response to a query from the audience, Mrs. McLaughlin gave the following telephone number for people to call for a copy of the report referred to: 914-328-7802.

Appearance: Reina Finklestein, Co-President
Familia

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She said Familia is a Rockland County organization for families and friend of the mentally ill. She said Ellen Fine, Co-President, was also in attendance this evening as well as many of the members of their organization who were here to express their support for this project. She described the type of person who would be housed in the proposed residence and the care they would give themselves and get from others. She also mentioned that the proposed residents are members of the community now though housed in various places not under supervision as they will be here. She said many of them can be trained to live independently in the community. She said they would distribute reading material to those present tonight which will help allay their fears as to safety, loss of property values, etc. She asked that these twelve people be given a chance and accepted into the neighborhood.

Appearance: Ms. Gail Pippi
Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

She said as far as these residents being able to walk anywhere, they have a 12" sidewalk on West Nyack Road which sometimes expands to 18" or 24." Demarest Avenue has no sidewalk and people have come very close to being hit by a car. You do not see children in front of the houses on Demarest Avenue because Demarest Avenue is used to avoid the light at Strawtown Road. Once the corporate center is activated people will use Demarest Avenue even more to avoid Route 59. She questioned the safety of Loeb House residents walking there.

Mrs. Pippi said if the Loeb House residents have the freedom to come and go as they please then she is afraid for her children. She asked what type of mental illness is being considered here? Do these people have to be watched constantly when they are in the house and if so why can they come and go as they please outside the house? She asked if she and her neighbors would now have to be outside constantly watching their children for fear they may get into trouble with the mentally ill residents of the group home?

Supervisor Holbrook said two questions had been raised, one with regard to traffic and one with regard to the clients living in the home.

Mr. Murphy said the residents will not be encouraged to walk back and forth. The residents will schedule their comings and goings utilizing a van with which the house will be equipped. He said no one with a history of anti-social behavior will be a resident at Loeb House. He assured the present residents of Demarest Avenue that their children will not have to be watched. He said overwhelmingly Loeb House residents are victims of depression. They must be encouraged to leave their rooms and leave their homes. He said there has never been a person from Loeb House or Venture Inn who have ever committed an anti-social act.

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Appearance: Ms. Cathy Techino
82 Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

She said she has been asking for some kind of traffic light at the intersection of Demarest Avenue and West Nyack Road for many years. It is a very dangerous intersection. She said she herself has called the police twelve times a year to report an accident at that intersection. If the Town finds that it can grant Loeb House permission to install a residency on that street then the time has come to install a traffic light along with them for the safety of everyone in the neighborhood and especially for those not knowledgeable of the intersection. She asked the Town to address the safety problem in the area.

Supervisor said the Town Board will address the problem of safety at that intersection regardless of the hearing here tonight. He said he will ask Mr. Lampert to implement the specifications to proceed with a light. Supervisor said if the people in the area are in favor of a light that they express that in a letter or a phone call to his office. The Town Board is convinced of the necessity of having a light at that intersection and we will proceed with that.

Mrs. Techinno asked how the residents of Loeb House will react to numerous accidents at this intersection until a light is installed?

Mr. Murphy said he has no answer as he was not aware of the situation until now. He said he would appeal to the Town Board to have a light installed there right away.

Appearance: Ms. Mary Lou Jones
84 Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

Ms. Jones asked what bearing three other houses of this type in the immediate area would have on this particular house?

Mr. Murphy said someone had stated the other evening that there are four congregate living facilities within one mile of the proposed site. He said they had asked Marilyn Troy, a Clarkstown resident who is on the salary of the County as a community resource person, to identify every congregate living facility in the County. The report we got back was that within one and one half miles there was only one residence - Cardinal McCloskey Home and School for children on 9 Patterson Avenue, West Nyack which has nine boys between the ages of 12 and 18. The official registry shows that is the only public congregate living facility within a mile and one half. Mrs. Troy affirmed that.

Appearance: Ms. Debra (?)
Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

She said she did not choose to live on Demarest Avenue to live near a group home. She said they are paying over \$4,000.00 a year in taxes and if they had wanted to live near a group home she would have chosen that kind of an environment to raise her daughter.

Appearance: Mr. George Pippi
72 Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

He asked specifically the hours of supervision, the number of people supervising and their qualifications, and if there is a curfew for residents of Loeb House? What happens in case of a medical emergency? He asked if Mr. Murphy's people were trained in the handling of distraught patients?

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Mr. Murphy introduced many of the people connected with Loeb House in either direct control or in advisory capacities. Mr. Murphy said he will have five full-time staff working at all times. He said his management all have masters' degrees and he introduced them to the audience and they gave their backgrounds. He said if there is an emergency the first call goes to the office and help is sent. Kathleen Lukens entire agency is their disposal. Mr. Murphy said the house staff is not a medical staff but health administrators. The Executive Director does have a master's degree in psychology and is a certified psychologist as well as being the executive in charge of the entire operation. If a quick and efficient response is not imminent the local police, sheriff's department, fire department are all at Loeb House's disposal just as they are at any other resident's disposal. There is always available a capable, resource person who has access to a very capable resource center or agency specifically in Pomono or in Orangeburg.

Mr. Murphy said there is always supervision for his clients. There is no house curfew but each client is given an individual curfew. We know at all times where our clients are. If a client disappears for a weekend and comes back he is then a former member of Loeb House. There is discipline and they don't break the rules.

In response to a query from a member of the audience as to the people who would be in the house working with the residents Mr. Murphy brought his staff up and had each of them give their name, residence and education. They described the instruction and support they give to the Loeb House residents. It was brought out that each of the residents sign a contract and must live up to that contract or they cannot stay at the house.

Appearance: Dr. Jack Rosen
Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

Dr. Rosen said he has a completely open mind about this and came to hear the pros and cons and the presentation. He said he had no idea of what Loeb House was and that has been cleared up. He asked what type of mental disorders these people have as saying disorders of the mind and emotionally related disturbances is certainly not specific. He said you tell us these are non-violent people and that may very well be true. However, he said he finds an inconsistency in Loeb House literature when people are described with traits of short temper, argumentativeness, impulsive and erratic behavior. He said they also describe possible psychotic symptoms. Psychotic symptoms occur without rhyme or reason and are totally irrational and foreign to any resemblance to normal behavior. This may be, not necessarily, but may be, severe outbursts, violent acts and this is perfectly possible according to your own literature.

Dr. Rosen said he appreciated the motives behind Loeb House and Camp Venture and they are laudable. He said he did not come here to argue but he was somewhat surprised to be presented with a program as elaborately staged as what had been presented. He felt they were presented with a defensive attitude where nothing is bad and everything is good. He said there are people in this world who do dislike Sarah Lee. Not everything is always good but he did not hold that against the residents of Loeb House. He said some of the residents are under medication and he was sure that was properly supervised but he said some of the mood elevators, anti-depressants, tranquilizers, psychotropic drugs, etc. can have unpredictable reactions. This does not mean that these people should not be taken care of. They should be taken care of properly and in the right atmosphere. Loeb House may be that place and he is still waiting to be shown that regardless of where it is located.

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Dr. Rosen said the concept is not only valid but it is laudable and commendable. However, he said he did not know if the time has come in a community such as ours whether it be Demarest Avenue or any other street. He said it should not be done in face of the opposition and displeasure of the residents of the area who should not be left behind in the considerations given to putting Loeb House there or anywhere else.

Appearance: Richard Gardineer
193 South Harrison Avenue
Congers, New York

Mr. Gardineer said he is an engineer but he does realize there are valid concerns here. Are we safe? Is it going to affect our property values? He said he has not heard any definitive answers from the presenters which would make him feel totally assured. He said he has not seen anything from the Town Board to show the property values staying the same or going up. He said the Town Board is elected by the public to protect us and that is their charge. He asked what the Town Board was going to do in the future to protect the residents? He asked if they were going to do any inspections? He asked what they had in terms of complaints from like facilities in the Town? He asked what studies do they have in terms of the assessments or prices on these properties to show the public that they do or do not keep their value?

Supervisor said that values can be ascertained in the Assessor's Office. He said he would welcome anyone who would like to check out any property values to come in and go over them. Mr. Gardineer said he believed it was the Supervisor's responsibility to do that as he was here to help the public.

Supervisor said in regard to the safety factor and the people who move into Loeb House, they will be afforded, as is the public, the equal protection under the laws as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States which we are all sworn here to uphold.

Appearance: Ms. Joanne Moffit, Director
Community Residences for the
Mental Health Association of
Rockland County

She said she did not know she was going to be here tonight so therefore had nothing prepared. She referred to Dr. Rosen's question regarding the kinds of mental illness the people have. She explained about the State's mandate for the deinstitutionalization of people who have mental illness and the guidelines to be so followed. She described the support available if there should be a problem. She said they do have mental illnesses and they could not tell you what those illnesses are. It is confidential. She said what can be said is that people who have mental illness have a disability and that disability deserves a chance to be worked out so that they can live and integrate into our communities.

Appearance: Ms. Fran Rosensweig
West Nyack, New York

Ms. Rosensweig asked where are the clients living now? She asked what the screening process is? Do they anticipate hiring more staff for a second facility? What is the usual length of stay in a group residence?

Mr. Murphy said all of the clients currently are living, aside from with their mother and father, in proprietary homes (such as Monsey Park Hotel); some are living with siblings; many are living alone. He said the first thing they do is announce to the Community Service Board of their intention to apply for state

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approval to establish a home. Referrals are made to them by parents, by schools, etc. There is a representative from New York State, there is a representative from Rockland County Community Mental Health Center, representative of the referral agency, and several representatives of Loeb House including volunteer psychologists, one of whom is Dr. Jack Lukens, who is the Dean of Psychology at the College of New Rochelle and a clinical psychologist at St. Agatha's Home. They screen initially and decide who can be a candidate. It then comes down to Loeb House itself. Senior staff and management meet with Donna Cosmello and we find out the type of people we want in terms of sociability, age grouping, etc. He said they prefer to deal with young people. He said he picks medical personnel and asks them to decide if the residents picked are capable of living next to a family. He then meets with several of the Board of Directors and tells them that these are the candidates picked and asks for their opinion. The clients go through five levels of screening. They are people who can move out into society and become anonymous.

Mr. Murphy said he is considering hiring more personnel to work at Loeb House. Staff to client is about a 1 to 1 ratio.

Mr. Murphy said they are looking at a stay of approximately three years. If they are not ready to move out after that time other provision is made for them elsewhere.

Appearance: Mr. Terry O'Neill

He said he opens up community residences for a living and saw nothing wrong with doing this. He said we are dealing with something that has been going on for over ten years. People want to know how these people are going to become acclimated. He asked about the Neighborhood Advisory Board. In response to questions of Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Murphy described the treatment on an individual basis for each client.

Mr. Charles Davis was introduced by Mr. Murphy. He works for the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code and is chairperson for the Community Services Board. He explained the services provided for the mentally ill in New York State. He also explained the level of program for different individuals and the different levels they arrive at and the care given for each one. He explained the mandates and stated that they make sure these mandates are carried out.

He explained the requirements under the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code specifically as it refers to group homes. He said the Office of Mental Health along with the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities develop the group homes. They impose a higher level of fire safety than is required by the very strict New York State Code. He explained the levels required in each type of group home and mentioned that the individuals who will be in this home are very capable and thus not in need of the strictest fire safety rules.

Mr. O'Neill asked about the Neighborhood Advisory Board. Mr. Murphy said for each house local residents are invited in and they have a status almost like a board of directors. Their job is to tell Mr. Murphy and his staff when they are offending the neighborhood sensibilities. They have some force of law because they are created by law. They also are involved in planning special activities for the residents and neighbors too.

Mr. O'Neill said the mentally ill do belong in the community. He said the mentally ill will not harm you and he urged the neighborhood to accept the agency and work with that agency.

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Appearance: Ms. Evelyn Catarella
82 Demarest Avenue
West Nyack, New York

Ms. Catarella asked how the advisory board is chosen? Mr. Murphy said he chooses it and he has never said no to anyone. If you live in the neighborhood and you want to be on it you will be appointed.

Appearance: Mr. John Cuff
5 Pheasant Drive
West Nyack, New York

He said he has been employed for 21 years by the State of New York and is currently electrical supervisor at Letchworth Development Center and responsible for 30 community homes from South Nyack to Port Jervis, New York. He said the rosy picture painted of the State of New York and the commitment from Governor Cuomo is beautiful. Its too bad they won't back up what they are saying. He said they have had a 30% reduction in staff and his men have to travel all over to keep the sophisticated alarm systems, smoke detectors, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, driers, etc. working in these homes. He said please don't paint a picture for the people in the audience about how Governor Cuomo and Albany are so committed to taking care of the State of New York and the less fortunate people because it's a crock in plain English.

Mr. Cuff asked if Loeb House comes under the sanction of or has the protection of the Padovan Act? He was answered in the affirmative. He asked that the Padovan Act be explained to the people sitting in the audience. He said that should be done at the start of these hearings rather than at the end.

Supervisor said the hearing is not ended and he called upon John Costa, Town Attorney to give an explanation of the Padovan Act. Mr. Costa said this is a public informational meeting not a public hearing. The authority for this meeting is found in section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law. Under that section a sponsoring agency is entitled to establish a community facility such as the type described tonight by making an application through the Office of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene. Notification is sent to the Town of the intention to establish such a facility. Under the Padovan Act which is actually 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law the community is given a limited number of options to review the proposal. The municipality has forty days to either approve the site, suggest an alternate site or object to the site on the basis of the concentration of such facilities in the area so that the character of the area will be substantially altered or the Town Board can elect to do nothing. If the Town approves the site the application is then cleared for further action. If the Town wishes to suggest alternative sites then those sites would have to be considered. If the town wishes to object to the establishment of this facility it must do so on the sole ground that the establishment of the facility will result in a concentration of that type of facility in the area so as to substantially alter the character of the area. If the Town makes an objection on that basis the Commissioner will have to hold a hearing within fifteen days to explore that objection and make a determination within thirty days of the date of the hearing. The courts are also authorized to review any determination under Article 78 of the CPLR. Under this section of law a community residence which is so established is to be deemed a family unit for the purposes of local laws and ordinances.

In response to a question raised from a member of the audience Town Attorney said we are conducting this informational meeting which the Town can decide to have or not have under the Padovan Law. This Town Board has consistently, upon receipt of

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notification of the intent to establish these types of facilities, held a public informational meeting and done its best to publicize the application.

Supervisor said notification comes to his office, and then he shares that information with members of the Town Board and asks for their input. This has always been the policy of the Town of Clarkstown. If the Town Board chooses to take any action within the limitations set forth by the Town Attorney it would do so at its next meeting on November 24th.

In response to a question from a resident Mr. Murphy said they have come to this neighborhood with approximately two hundred years of experience. Information was given regarding how this location was chosen. It was established that there are almost 200 residents living in community residences certified by the Office of Mental Health in this small County of Rockland. It was suggested that the residents look to past experience for the assurance they deserve because that experience proves that there has been no trouble for neighbors of these community residences. It was reiterated that these residents of community homes pose no threat or danger to anyone.

Appearance: Karen Seamans(?)

She asked if there would be adequate parking for all staff members at the location in question? She was told that there was room for six or seven cars and an architect is exploring the possibility of adding more parking space to the location. Staff meetings would not be held at this particular location but would be held elsewhere.

Appearance: Mr. Jerry Fox

He stated that he has worked in and supervised group homes in the Clarkstown area. He said the facility at 78 Demarest Avenue is not large enough for twelve residents and the staff to care for them. He felt it was contrary to therapy for the residents and their chances for the future. He felt the staff would not be effective working in such a small facility. He thought eight residents would be much more appropriate.

Appearance: Mr. Richard Bruno
Piermont, New York

Mr. Bruno stated that he has been a resident of Rockland County for over twenty-five years and has attended public meetings with regard to opening of group homes. He said there can be no better group than the people of Loeb House, Venture Inn and ARC who in the past have been the advocates for these people and have looked out for them. Many of them are people who have members of their own families in these homes. Mr. Bruno spoke at length on behalf of the mentally ill and those who assist them. He asked the residents to accept the resident and its inhabitants.

Appearance: Mr. Bill Wenzl
Highland Avenue

Mr. Wenzl said he had heard no direct answers to any of Dr. Rosen's questions. He asked who had the qualifications and who would be in charge of dispensing and maintaining supplies of medications? He was told that medication is supplied by the psychiatrist and is kept in the house. Many of the people are self-medicating. It depends on their level and of how they have come to deal with their illness. They are self-medicating in that the psychiatrists give them their medication. Records are kept of it but the staff does not give it to them. They are not nurses. There are other people who, for whatever reason the psychiatrist feels that there should be more of a record or a log or some monitoring device for them, are given their medication by staff

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and their medication is kept in a double-locked medicine cabinet kept in the staff office. Very clear, precise records are kept of every episode. The patient is handed the bottle and removes the medication. The staff member watches them take the medication. They return the bottle to the staff member. It is locked up and the staff member records the activity.

Mr. Wenzl said he has worked in the field of psychiatry for over ten years. He said it is all well and good that all the employees have degrees but when a patient has a medication reaction, those social workers, and unfortunately some doctors, are useless. They do not know what to do. Mr. Wenzl expressed fears for the children in the neighborhood if a patient with a poor reaction left the house and was running around. He said we have been listening to sermons all night long and everything has been presented in rosy terms. He asked for some direct answers to direct questions.

Dr. Rosen questioned the wisdom of mentally impaired people dispensing their own medication at their own free will. Mr. Murphy said that was a misrepresentation of what was said. Supervisor said that Ms. Cosmello stated that the medication was given to the clients and they took the medicine in the presence of a staff officer. Some people in the audience said that was not said of all of them. Supervisor said he thought that was what she said. He asked if he was misrepresenting what Ms. Cosmello said? Mr. Murphy said there are 12,000 people receiving medication in this County. Over 10,000 of them go home with their medication and take it just as diabetic patients take their insulin. Nobody takes medication of their own free will. They take it by doctor's prescription. Mr. Murphy said a physician decides who will take their own medication and whose medication ingestion is supervised. He said his staff has nothing to say about what medication is given.

Appearance: Ms. Pearl Kaufman
Ramapo

She asked if members of the audience had visited any of the other Loeb houses and seen how beautifully they are kept and enhance the neighborhood?

Dr. Rosen asked what was the diagnostic mix of the patients? He asked if they are retarded, psychotic, what? Mr. Murphy said the overwhelming diagnosis of the people admitted to Loeb House is depression. That is the number one diagnosis. The second diagnosis is the categories which fall generically into the sporadic transitory schizophrenic area. The third is a mixed bag. Overwhelmingly the population represents a cross section of the general non-hospitalized population where the number one diagnosis is depression.

Supervisor said people would be available for questions after the hearing is closed.

On motion of Councilman Carey, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted, the Informational Meeting was declared closed, time: 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sheridan

PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk