

In Worthington

Old Post Road curtain shop draws resident opposition

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WORTHINGTON — Richard Mullane's request for a permit to operate a curtain shop on Old Post Road in a garage owned by Henry H. Snyder was the most controversial of three public hearings conducted by the board of appeals last night.

John Modestow, a resident of Old Post Road, spoke in opposition to the permit, saying the shop would endanger people walking on the road where there are no sidewalks and the road is narrow. He said the shop would change the existing character of the neighborhood.

Modestow, who is a member of the board of appeals, turned his seat on the board over to alternate member Ernest Nugent last night.

Modestow said that if Mullane does not rent an acre of land with appropriate frontage, he would have to apply for a variance. A permit should also be issued by the board of health certifying that the store can be operated without sanitary facilities, Modestow said.

Winston Donovan, building inspector, said the building would have to meet certain minimum standards.

Modestow recommended that off-street parking be required if a permit is granted and said that an area for a turn-around is mandatory. He also recommended that drainage of the area and snow removal be considered.

Modestow said that a prece-

dent had been set when the planning board sued the board of appeals after they issued a permit for a campground in West Worthington. A campground is a permitted use as is a store, and if the planning board felt that the board of appeals should wait until a master plan is formulated, then that reasoning should hold true in this case, Modestow stated.

Robert Cook, chairman of the planning board, said there is a significant difference between a campground and a store because of the impact on the environment and community. Cook, however, stated that waiting until the master plan is complete is

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