

CB 1 group criticized for backing group home

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Residents criticized Community Board 1 members last night for approving a proposed Fort Wadsworth group home for retarded men.

At the board's Rosebank/Shore Acres/Fort Wadsworth area committee meeting, residents complained that the board's human resources committee ignored area concerns in approving the 197 Hope Ave. home.

The full board is likely to approve the proposal during its Dec. 12 meeting, board members say.

As in other matters, the community board takes only an advisory role. The home can be built as-of-right, and is not subject to city land use proceedings. The state has the authority to approve or deny the home, however.

Independent Living Association, a non-profit group, would run the home, which would ease the burden on the retarded men's families since many aging parents can no longer care for their sons, the group's director has said.

Some residents vowed to continue their fight against the home.

Jack Sciarabba, the area com-

mittee chairman, urged the residents to accept Independent Living's invitation to visit one of its other group homes in Brooklyn.

In other matters, board members vowed to continue their opposition to a proposed solid waste transfer station on Willow Avenue in Clifton.

Caro Recycling, of Brooklyn, has applied for a state permit to operate a transfer station at 131 Willow Ave.

Trucks would bring demolition debris to the Clifton site. Salvageable materials would be removed from the debris, while the rest would be taken to the Fresh Kills landfill.

The city is considering a rezoning application that would prohibit the transfer station from opening — but only if the application is approved before Caro receives its state permit.

Board member Charles Lange asked residents to write to Borough President-elect Guy V. Molinari and City Councilman Jerome X. O'Donovan and encourage them to push the rezoning application through the City Planning Commission.