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Notice

Town Meeting

at the Candlelight Theatre
(downstairs)

Monday, May 10, 1999

7:30 PM

Agenda (partial)

1. **ELECTIONS:** Civic Committee - 4 members; 2 year term
Audit Committee - 3 members; 1 year term
2. **BY LAWS COMMITTEE** - members needed to form new committee
3. **LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE & ARCHIVES** - members needed to form
new committee
4. **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** - open discussion

Please plan to attend! We need a quorum to do elections.

Mark your calendars!!! Mulching Around the Dogwoods on the Mall.
Please meet at Charlie and Lee Till's house at 2205 Loreley Road at 9:00 am on
Saturday, May 21. Bring appropriate tools and gloves and be ready to mulch!

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 P. M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1999, DAVID SCOTT, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 28. Jimmy Ficca |
| 2. David Scott | 29. Maureen Gordon |
| 3. Betty Ann Themal | 30. Pat Phillips |
| 4. Beth Halloway | 31. Janet Cosgrove |
| 5. Harry Themal | 32. Lee Till |
| 6. K. Bartolo | 33. Charles W. Till |
| 7. Frances Frampton | 34. Susan Cuttance |
| 8. Chris Coburn | 35. Chris Cuttance |
| 9. Doris Boller | 36. Bard Klahr |
| 10. Sally Decker | 37. Pat Phalan |
| 11. Barbara Glenn | 38. Shari Phalan |
| 12. Roy Lavoie | 39. David McClintock |
| 13. Page Dwyer | 40. Marcy Resnick (new resident) |
| 14. Richard Mondzelewski | Others: |
| 15. Barbara Mondzelewski | 1. Bethany Cheney |
| 16. Enno Krebbers | 2. Jonathan Sun |
| 17. Sarah Coburn | 3. Mark Roth |
| 18. Art Cohen | 4. Peter A. Renzetti |
| 19. Hardy Hoegger | 5. Lynda Kolski |
| 20. Nancy King | 6. Marjorie Mabrey |
| 21. Dotty Verne | 7. Bob Pollock |
| 22. Bob DeNigris | 8. Amy Pollock |
| 23. Joe Scanlon | 9. Wayne Smith, State Rep. |
| 24. John Brandner | |
| 25. Oliver Gutsche | |
| 26. Annie Gutsche | |
| 27. Stefanie Lombardo | |

Welcome: David Scott welcomed everyone from the three Ardens to the meeting. David introduced our first speaker, Wayne Smith, State Rep.

Wayne Smith thanked everyone for their support. He has been elected for another term. Wayne noted that public education and the Harvey Road project are big issues this year. Wayne thanked Chris Coburn for his perseverance regarding the Sunnyside Tract project. Wayne reminded everyone that he is available every Tuesday morning from 7:00 to 7:30 at Brew Ha Ha.

Mark Roth, perspective buyer of Ingleside, was introduced by David Scott. David noted that he would only allow a certain amount of time for this topic and that another meeting would be held soon to cover only this topic. Mark said he began in health care

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consulting about 18 years ago. Mark said he has never owned a senior care center but has been involved in consulting about them. He feels that from a community perspective the Ardens' strengths would be their strengths. Mark explained that the second floor of the Mansion (old farmhouse) would be fixed up for offices and they want to clean up the first floor and the grounds especially the vines. He would like to integrate the Mansion and Ingleside residents. He would like to have residents be more active i.e. cooking, laundry. Mark has seen how some of the best places in senior housing care do it and he wants to incorporate these ideas at Ingleside. Mark wants to have the Ardens be more active in Ingleside and vice versa i.e. Arden artists' work being displayed at Ingleside. Mark said traffic should not be a problem as our offices are 50% empty most of the time because they travel a lot.

A question and answer period followed:

Question: Could your company include physical and occupational therapy for the community?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How will you make Ingleside more profitable?

Answer: Ingleside needed improved cash flow, which we are in a position to help with.

Question: Any plans to enlarge the building?

Answer: No.

Question: What do you get out of it?

Answer: Office space and an opportunity to run this kind of business.

Question: Ingleside said they could not make it work - how can you?

Answer: I have studied the project with \$120,000 added to the budget and can make it work.

Question: We are concerned about the corporate impact. Once you establish yourself, if you leave, then what happens? Do you have plans to expand?

Answer: The place seems big to me. I do not plan to expand at this site. My people could be a resident anywhere. They would not all have to be here and they could communicate via lap tops and faxes. Our objective is to provide excellent work and not to grow very fast.

Question: We are concerned about the heavy usage of the systems like sewer.

Answer: The idea is to promote activities i.e. TV in the laundry room with warm lighting, accessible kitchen space, etc., and I do not feel these things would tax the systems.

Question: How will the occupancy rate be effected and what will the financial rates be like?

Answer: A lot of Ingleside residents find the need to move because of lack of options at the facility. The issue of private rooms will hurt people who have lower incomes. The intention is to provide the services that people need and not to kick people out.

Question: How much office space do you presently have vs. what you will get at Ingleside?

Answer: There will be less space at Ingleside but we presently have too much. The carriage house is a mess and I would like to clean it up and create a community center. We would use it and so could the community.

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Question: Will you need additional staff?

Answer: The staffing at Ingleside is not low. It is quite high. I don't see any of the work force worried about a job but their job descriptions would change. It is really more a plan of a proactive than reactive way of doing things.

At this point, David said there would be an additional meeting with Mark Roth at the Gild Hall on February 22 at 7:30pm which would be opened to all three villages. If you have any questions, Mark asked that you call his assistant, Bethany at (302) 452-2600.

COMMUNICATIONS:

David noted that the Census Department is looking for workers.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Dotty Verne

Dotty noted that you have to be here for six months before you can vote. Jack Brandner thanked the Registration Committee for keeping up to renters as well as leaseholder changes.

Leasehold/Resident Changes: September - January

Lot #258, 2320 Sconset Road from Robert Custer & Vicki Schwam to Robert Custer

Lot #270, 2234 Marsh Road Lee Smith & Jane Smith to Lee Smith

Lot #242, 1501 Valley Road Anna Ponte to William Murray

Lot#156, 2303 Loreley Road Christopher & Stephanie Rowland to Page W. Dwyer

-Page's daughter, Claudia, and her daughter, Emily, will reside there.

Bobby Godfrey has moved from 1605 Orchard Road and Marcy Resnick has moved in.

Connie Hingle and Stephanie Spunt have moved to 1512 The Mall.

Peter Townsend has moved to 2311 Hilltop.

Cynthia Bennick of 1513 Woodland, Chris & Hiroko Braddock of 1517 Appletree,

Robert & Dela Bryan of 2305 Brae have all moved from Ardentown.

HARVEY ROAD UPDATE: Enno Krebbers

There have been several meetings that have been very positive. The Veale Road intersection at Harvey Road will be improved. It is possible that the intersection could be closed from two to four weeks this coming summer. Two bus shelters are to be added during the improving of Harvey Road. The speed tables remain to be a concern. We want real traffic calming not just cosmetic changes. Enno asked for Ardentown to support the following statement. "The Ardentown Town Meeting desires effective traffic calming on Harvey Road not just cosmetic changes. If speed tables are judged not compatible with the safety of other communities, devices of similar effectiveness should be substituted. The Town meeting endorses the HRTCC's efforts to negotiate with government and safety officials to that end." It was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking Balance: \$560.93

Savings: \$19,424.53

Municipal Street Aid: \$7,005.57

Total Funds Available: \$26,991.03

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

Bob DeNigris said last that year's budget and expenses were very much in line. Another school referendum is coming up. Tree expenses and common expenses have been higher than expected. Land rent will be increased from .067/1000 sq. feet to .072/1000. Land rent bills will be out soon.

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TOWN BUDGET: Jack Brandner

The Town Budget was unanimously approved. See copy of report attached.

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Steps in woods are complete.
2. The little bridge in the middle of the Glen has been repaired.
3. Still working on the Circle Area behind Till's house.
4. Bob Osbourne will fix the East Mall drainage holes.
5. Mulch for the playground is on order.

Beth Halloway noted the bench at the playground needs a board replaced.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. "Y2K" Problem - Chris Coburn said some people have expressed a concern for special need individuals. Chris wants to know if anyone wants to make a committee to form a list of special concerns/needs. Call Chris if interested.
2. Forming a permanent Sunnyside Committee - Chris Coburn will call other communities to see who is interested in being on the committee (the surrounding communities). Chris noted that vines are a problem. Hardy suggested we have an Ardens' meeting first to get a plan before we have an open meeting. Chris did not support this. Chris's next step is to develop the committee. David Scott said this would probably become a standing committee.
3. Review of By Laws - David Scott wants us to update them. Betty Ann Thernal is willing to set up this committee.
4. Long-term Planning Committee - David wants to reintroduce this as a separate committee in the future.
5. ACRA Update - Annie Gutsche said the Summer Program would appreciate it if we would preregister our children for the program this summer. Annie noted that 33 children from Ardentown participated in the program last year. She said Solicitation is coming up and please support ACRA. The Summer Program now costs approximately \$100.00 per child.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett
Secretary

Brief report for Ardentown town meeting

Thank you. Longer report in Page.

Multiple community meetings - CCOBH, Chalfonte, others.

Unanimous votes of approval from- WILMAPCO's Public Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and overall Council.

Harvey Road traffic calming project included in DelDOT's revised Capital Improvement Program as part of the Grubb Road drainage and resurfacing project. Some current confusion over what this means, but good news.

Items not directly related via I-95 project:

- Veale road intersection widening, paving stones, island. Traffic disruption some time next summer.
- Bus shelters: two shelters on Harvey Road based on the old Arden water pump houses. DelDOT will cover "standard" costs, all three Ardens to pay any extra costs (may be low or none). Specific motions to come when we have exact details. Orleans, Veale. Picture in back at end of meeting.

Main issue remains speed tables (2 or 3, at Arden end).

- Despite all progress noted above, this remains a political issue which no amount of public hearings will solve. Discussion planned end of month with Wayne Smith, Reid Ewing, Fred Perry, Alex Taft, HRTCC reps.
- The HRTCC has taken the position that while we are not wedded to speed tables per se, we do want effective traffic calming, not just cosmetic changes.
- There has been some confusion over what the other town meetings have voted on. Would appreciate support for the following motion: **The Ardentown town meeting desires effective traffic calming on Harvey Road, not just cosmetic changes. If speed tables are judged not compatible with the safety of other communities, devices of similar effectiveness should be substituted. The town meeting endorses the HRTCC's efforts to negotiate with government and safety officials to that end.**