

Feb 2005  
minutes

# Village of Ardentown

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## NOTICE OF

### TOWN MEETING

The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005

7:30 P.M.

### AGENDA (Partial)

1. Elections: Public Works and Safety Committee;  
4 Members, 2 year term  
  
Playground Committee;  
1 Member, 2 year term  
  
Audit Committee;  
3 Members, 1 year term
2. Status of grants applied for and received

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS  
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005, STEVE  
COHEN, CHAIR, PRESIDING.

In attendance were:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Dotty Verne          | 14. Mary Ann Nelson   |
| 2. Cheryl Regan         | 15. Gil Johnston      |
| 3. Barbara Mondzelewski | 16. Steve Cohen       |
| 4. Richard Mondzelewski | 17. Sheila Johnston   |
| 5. Andrew Hansen        | 18. Michael Oates     |
| 6. Terri Hansen         | 19. Janet Cosgrove    |
| 7. Sally Decker         | 20. Hardy Hoegger     |
| 8. Betty Solway Smith   | 21. Bob DeNigris      |
| 9. Marguerite Archer    | 22. Maureen Gordon    |
| 10. Rusty Hoegger       | 23. Harry Themal      |
| 11. Alison Byer         | 24. Betty Ann Themal  |
| 12. Virginia Gotides    | 25. Elaine Schmerling |
| 13. Hans Francke        |                       |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Barbara Mondzelewski:

Checking:	\$ 546.26
Savings:	3,750.41
Municipal Street Aid	4,669.41
Arden Building & Loan:	19,697.26
Total funds available:	28,663.34

REGISTRATION REPORT - Sheila Johnston, Chair; Maureen Gordon  
reporting: New Resident

Pam Cohen 2204 Millers Road Moved in 1/1/05

**COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE - Alison Byer:**

A grant was applied for to clean up trash behind the Candlelight and to supply bins for leaves, mulch, compost, etc.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN - Rusty Hoegger, Chair:**

The old gate to the entrance of the garden is being replaced.

**PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE - Elaine Schmerling:**

No Report

**BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER - Marguerite Archer:**

Beverly Fleming will be taking on the position of Building Manager in late spring. This is the first time we will have one person overseeing the building and the scheduling which should mean a more smoothly operating building. Marguerite asked for a volunteer to replace her as representative to the Buzz from Ardentown.

People are working on getting more grant money for more renovations to the building.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE -MaryAnn Nelson, Chair:**

It was reported that the funding we get through Wayne Smith is still there for the gates on Harvey Road, but there will not be more funding for street work. The Sconset Road street work is still under way and \$9000 has been withheld until the repairs are complete. The pot holes on Swiss Lane are being cold patched and permanent repairs will take place in the spring. Speed bumps will be marked by reflectors.

A grant from the Department of Natural Resources has been applied for in order to build a composting site behind the Candlelight. It will involve removing all the invasives and trash, leveling the ground, repairing the fence, buying a lock and building 6 bins for composting of town leaves and wood chips, plus a compost demonstration site to educate town residents about home composting.

The "Weed-n-Walk" is continuing. The focus is on cutting the ivy off and around trees in February and March to prevent it from seeding. The State Forester is finishing his report and has concluded that our #1 problem is ivy. They will provide some monetary assistance to the Ardens to help battle the ivy and other invasives. They recommend considering chemical treatment. Sumac and dogwoods will be planted in the clear cut areas.

20 wooden signs in the town are to be installed. They are being painted with a reflective paint. The metal road signs will be reassessed for replacement if necessary.

**HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE** - Enno Krebbers, Chair, Steve Cohen reporting:

The committee has made two walk throughs with DelDot to point out problems or incomplete implementation including points raised at a previous town meeting. There were errors in some of the white lines and they will be corrected when the weather is better for working on the roads. A new control system on the Sconset light has been updated. The installation of the movable speed limit sign, "your speed is" is still being requested. If you know of any other items that may have been missed, let Enno or the committee know before they make their final push at the time of the thaw.

**TRUSTEES ASSESSMENT (Land Rent)** - Bob DeNigris:

It was reported that there will be about the same increase in Land Rent as the last few years due to the large School Tax increase. The increase is .092 per sq. ft. or \$40 per 10,000 sq. ft.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** - Hans Francke, Chair:

The 2004 income and expenses prepared by the Town was unanimously approved. We received \$32,000 from DelDot, which was spent on the Sconset Road project. The town contributed \$20,000 to the purchase of the Avery Property.

Funds for roads are not expect from DEIDot and a \$5,000 grant from the County is not expected which will leave us with a deficit in 2005.

We propose a small increase for the Town Secretary, last increase was 2002.

We propose that the town has a membership in the COCBH to remain informed of activities in Northern Delaware.

As of today, it appears that Police patrols on Harvey road are not planned for 2005.

**TOWN CHAIR REPORT** - Steve Cohen:

We were asked to consider a proposal to the Ardens by Comcast to accept a 15 year agreement. It includes a \$5,000 grant plus free cable/internet to two buildings in the Ardens and use of 2 channels (22 or 98)

There us a possibility of a mandatory recycling law of leaves in Delaware.

TRUSTEES REPORT - Bob DeNigris, Harry Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski: No Report.

ELECTIONS:

Archives Committee - 2 year term -Sheila Johnston

Thanks to Terri Hansen for serving on the Archives Committee.

Memorial Garden Committee - 2 year term - Pat Phillips

Betty Solway Smith

Doris Boller

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested that Wayne Smith and John Cartier be invited to our town meetings.

GOODWILL: March 13 is the date for the Ardens to see "Caberet" at The New Candlelight Theater.

The Craft Shop Museum (Archives) is open Wednesday from 7:30 - 9 P.M. and on Sundays 1-3 or by appointment (Call Lisa Mullinax 529-7399).

It was announced that Ardentown's Richard Julian (Mondzewleski) will be in concert at the Gild Hall March 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Verne  
Secretary