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minutes

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NOTICE OF

TOWN MEETING

The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre
DOWNSTAIRS

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006
7:30 P. M.

AGENDA (Partial)

1. Elections: Public Works & Safety Committee;
3 Members, 2 year term

Playground Committee;
2 Members, 1 year term

Audit Committee;
3 Members, 1 year term
2. Multiple Domiciles: How they may effect The Village Of
Ardentown. See attached letter.
3. Pandemic Flu Planning

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006, STEVE COHEN, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Steve Cohen | 14. Marguerite Archer |
| 2. Dotty Verne | 15. Mary Ann Nelson |
| 3. Hans Francke | 16. Betty Ann Themal |
| 4. Cindy Cohen | 17. Sally Decker |
| 5. Harry Themal | 18. Bob DeNigris |
| 6. Cheryl Regan | 19. Sheila Johnston |
| 7. Gil Johnston | 20. Oliver Gutsche |
| 8. Drew Hansen | 21. Joan Fitzgerald |
| 9. Terri Hansen | 22. Francie Halderman |
| 10. Janet Cosgrove | 23. Joy Mulholland |
| 11. Hardy Hoegger | 24. Elaine Schmerling |
| 12. Alison Byer | 25. John Gordon |
| 13. Barbara Conroy | 26. Shari Phalan |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts Balance:	\$ 6,662.30
Municipal Street Aid Balance:	10,877.87
Arden Building & Loan Balance	20,795.50
Total Funds Available	\$38,335.67

ARDENTOWN BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT-2006 - Hans Francke, Marguerite Archer, Betty Solway Smith, Betty Ann Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski, Bob DeNigris

The Budget Committee met on January 24th to prepare the budget. The income side of the budget includes \$12,000 in Municipal Street Aid, \$10,000 from the Trust, under snow removal, several smaller amounts for a total of \$25,825. The Trustees increased the snow removal amount due to the elimination of the County Grant of \$5000.

On the expense side, \$12,000 is earmarked for road repair, \$5,000 for snow removal, while some contributions are seeing a modest increase. Total expenditures are \$24,825 leaving a small surplus of \$1,000. For a detailed copy of the Budget Report see the Secretary.

TRUSTEES BUDGET REPORT-2006 - Bob DeNigris

The Budget showed a deficit in 2005 due to higher school taxes and extensive tree repair/removal costs. The increase also reflects the proposed increase in school taxes and the increase in snow removal costs for 2006. The land rent increase will be \$.10/sq. ft. or \$100/1000 sq. ft. For a detailed copy of the Budget see Bob DeNigris.

Thanks were expressed to the Trustees for the cleanup of Brae Road and Swiss Lane.

REGISTRATION REPORT - Sheila Johnston, Chair

New Leaseholders: Allan and Sharon Kleban, 1602 Appletree Lane, previously Miriam Gerstine's house.

Richard and Tracy Prettyman have moved to 1611 Harvey Road.

COMMUNITY PLANNING - Alison Byer, Chair

Discussion is ongoing in plans for an internship for Ardentown teenagers to promote interest in the community. Volunteers for this project were asked to sign up with Alison Byer.

MEMORIAL GARDEN - Rusty Hoegger, Chair

Mulch was delivered and spread before the snow arrived.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE - Elaine Schmerling: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mary Ann Nelson, Chair

Jim Burslem has done a very good job with snow removal. David Byer is in charge of contracting snow removal and handling complaints. The sand barrels were delivered, however it was pointed out that the sand gets wet and freezes with them set upright. If possible after the snow melts we are hoping people will turn their neighborhood barrel on its side.

The previously scheduled road work was finally completed in December. There was discussion about the bump on Sconset Road and how it can be modified. We will be receiving the extra funds next year from the legislature.

Final payment from DNRC for the Compost Site has been received and the first year has been successful. There is a mud problem in front of the gate which is being looked into. There was a proposal to look into providing leaf pickup. The gate is unlocked now. A adhoc committee is planning a cleanup in coordination with the creek earthday cleanup which is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, from 9-12.

Elaine Schmerling: The town should soon be reimbursed for the \$2,500 Fire Prevention Grant. With this money, Hal Goodwin cut 207 Norway Maples in January and chipped some brush piles from this cutting and a large fire-hazard brush pile in Arden. We prioritized cutting the Norways down by the stream and in the woods up to the Nelson's house. There are still many marked throughout the Glen and on the other side of the stream that need to be cut as well as those in the more pristine area of the woods. We have several more years of work to do. Thanks to the following volunteers: Mary Ann Nelson, Shari Phalan, Dorsey Lebeis and Lou Bean.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER - Beverley Fleming; Mary Ann Nelson, reporting

The Building Manager and Committee are actively making plans for improvements and events for a successful new year.

The website, Ardens.com, includes BWVC calendar which posts upcoming meetings, events, rental and availability.

With the loss of the "Y" daycare in the spring of 2005 and the increased cost of heat and electricity, more funds are needed. Fund raisers are planned to help meet some costs. Your ideas, participation and donations are welcome. The committee is looking for pictures of the Arden School or events at the Buzz to borrow for their website and picture gallery.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE, Enno Krebbers
Rick Rothrock reports that the contract for the gateways will be with
Harmony Construction, the same firm that did the rest of the project. They
have agreed to work with Breckstone Associates and Rick. Breckstone is the
engineering company that Rick usually works with.

The “your speed is” sign has not yet been installed. It may be because
DelDot is short of money. Since the sign is such a small amount, we believe
it will eventually be installed.

ELECTIONS:

Town Officers: Steve Cohen, Chair - 1 year term
Dotty Verne, Secretary - 1 year term
Barbara Mondzelewski, Treasurer - 1 year term

Archives Committee: Betty Solway Smith - 2 year term
Katrina Nelson - 2 year term

Sheila Johnston has resigned from Archives. Thanks for your
service.

Memorial Garden: Rusty Hoegger - 2 year term
Betty Ann Themal - 2 year term

Community Planning Committee: Alison Byer - 2 year term
Drew Hansen - 2 year term
Joan Fitzgerald - 2 year term
Steve Cohen (as Town Chair)

TOWN CHAIR REPORT - Steve Cohen

The third reading of the Ordinance re: Serving Alcohol was read and adopted.

Marguerite Archer will be leaving Ardentown before our next town meeting
and she was applauded for all of her service to Ardentown and her work on
The Buzz Ware Village Center. She will be missed.

March 5 is the date for the The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre Arden Day.
The show is “Jesus Christ Superstar”.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were discussions on three topics which will be followed up on at future meetings: Ardencroft property purchase
Pandemic Influenza Summit by Delaware Div. Of Public Health
Multiple Domiciles

It was recommended to invite Wayne Smith, Cathy Cloutier and John Cartier to our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Verne
Secretary