

# Village of Ardentown

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## Notice of

## Town Meeting

## Agenda (partial)

## Candlelight Dinner Theatre (Upstairs!!)

**Monday, September 8, 2003  
7:30 P.M.**

- 1. Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Enno Krebbers  
Presentation, discussion, and voting**
  
- 2. Elections:**
  - Budget/Assessment Committee: 3 members, 2 year term**
  
  - Registration Committee: 1 member, 2 year term**
  
  - Civic Committee: 1 more member needed**
  
- 3. Audit Committee Annual Report: Steve Cohen**

**Town Secretary is retiring. Election of Town officers  
will be held in November. Town Secretary is paid \$225 per  
meeting. Please call Oliver Gutsche or Lisa Wilson Riblett for more  
information.**

**Copies of the newly updated Ardentown By-Laws  
will be available at the September Meeting.**

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**The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 12, 2003, Oliver Gutsche, Chair, presiding.**

**In attendance were:**

1. Lisa Wilson Riblett
2. Cheryl Regan
3. Steve Cohen
4. Bob Lockerman
5. Dotty Verne
6. Jerome Bischoff
7. Terri Hansen
8. Drew Hansen
9. Barbara Mondzelewski
10. Richard Mondzelewski
11. Pat Lane
12. Doris J. Boller
13. Sally Decker
14. David Scott
15. Betty Solway Smith
16. Kathleen Nadolny
17. Marguerite Archer
18. Jean Smolens
19. Rusty Hoegger
20. Gilbert Johnston
21. Sheila Johnston
22. Page Dwyer
23. Oliver Gutsche
24. Lesley Holden
25. Annie Gutsche
26. Betty Ann Themal
27. Mary Ann Nelson
28. Harry Themal
29. Bob DeNigris
30. Maureen Gordon
31. Elaine Schmerling

**Communications: Oliver Gutsche, Chair**

1. **Delaware Trail Maintenance Fund:** Oliver reported that we need to write a report regarding this as funds are available for maintaining public trails.
2. **Water Supply Proposals from Wayne Smith, State Rep.:** Oliver received a letter from Wayne about our present and future water needs and legislation to support our needs. This is on file for anyone who would like to read it.
3. **Ensuring Delaware's Fresh Water Supply:** We have a report on file regarding Delaware's water supply and quality from Governor Ruth Ann Minner.

**Registration Committee: Maureen Gordon**

**New Residents: Perry Alleman/ Julia Baechtold at 2305 Orchard Road  
Maira Kelly at 2201 Swiss Lane**

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**Treasurer's Report: Barbara Mondzelewski**

**Checking Account Balance: \$645.27**

**Savings Account Balance: \$12,741.70**

**Municipal Street Aid: \$330.28**

**Arden Building & Loan: \$39,165.86**

**Total Funds Available: \$52,883.11**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**The minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Elections: Public Works and Safety Committee:**

**Stefanie Lombardo, Mary Ann Nelson, Steve Cohen, and Cheryl Regan all unanimously re-elected to two year terms.**

**Audit Committee:**

**Steve Cohen and Lesley Holden were unanimously re-elected and Gil Johnston was unanimously elected to a one year term.**

**Public Works and Safety Committee: Page Dwyer, Chair**

- 1. Steve Cohen worked to get our Town reimbursed \$1,770 for emergency snow removal from this past winter's snow storm.**
- 2. Page is stepping down and thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work and help.**
- 3. Steve Cohen motioned that we formally thank Page for her years of service to the committee. The motion was unanimously passed.**
- 4. Harry Themal asked if we need to elected a new chair for the committee. Members of the committee said they would get together and decide a new chair.**

**Trustees' Report: Bob DeNigris and Harry Themal**

- 1. Bob reported that the Candlelight will be getting some major repairs during the next month by W. Hull Construction of Arden. He noted that the roof and drainage system need repairs.**
- 2. Bob said a tractor that was parked at the Gild Hall was vandalized recently.**
- 3. Bob asked everyone to please sign up for a Town Watch shift. Terri asked if there was a community communication that we could access to hear news like the vandalism at the Gild Hall. She would like to see a Town Watch Report in the Arden Page. Harry Themal said Danny Schweers who coordinates the Town Watch sends a report to the three Towns' Safety Committees. Oliver thought it would be a good idea to communicate this info to the Towns. Kathleen Nadolny from Candlelight said that John Cook was the person or one of the persons who broke into the Candlelight. The names of John and Andrew Berl are also being looked into.**
- 4. Lesley Holden reported to the Trustees and the Town that she heard gun shots coming from the woods about four to six weeks ago. Drew and Terri said on**

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holidays, i.e. New Year's Eve, they hear gun shots from a house on Harvey Road.

5. Harry said he did not have any news on the Omni Point Tower at this time.
6. Bob said the dogwoods on the Mall that are dead would be removed and replaced and existing ones would be mulched. Bob said it was important that any new ones have volunteers sign up to water them.
7. The three Trustees did a walk-through inspection with the tree company. Three trees will be removed and some trimming is scheduled.

**Memorial Garden: Rusty Hoegger, Chair**

1. Rusty will schedule a clean up of the Garden in June especially to address ivy. A clipboard was passed around for signatures and Rusty will call with a date. She asked that you bring long-handled screw drivers, clippers, and gloves.
2. Betty Solway Smith asked about a memorial tree for Jack Brandner. Rusty said she will talk with the members of the committee. Rusty is going to write a letter to John David Brandner to ask if he can find the Master Garden Plan for the Memorial Garden. Betty said if we do not decide on a tree in the Garden for Jack then perhaps a dogwood somewhere else.

**Playground Committee: Annie Gutsche**

On May 8 or 9, the equipment company said they would install the new playground equipment but this did not happen and the new date is May 15. A clean up took place to prepare for this and Larry Walker (Arden) will install mulch and prepare area around the equipment. Annie said please call her if you have strong feelings about where to place the bench. Betty Solway Smith motioned that we approve the money for a sign to be made by Walter Broadbent for the playground. This was unanimously approved.

**Buzz Ware Village Center Report: Marguerite Archer**  
(This is a summary. Full report is on file.)

1. Ardentown was thanked for its donation of \$600.
2. Roof work to be done.
3. Bathrooms to be worked on.
4. Dan's Doors to be installed later after repairs are done.
5. Activities at the Buzz continue to increase.
6. BWVC meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 p.m.

**HRTCC: Oliver for Enno Krebbers**

(This is a summary. Full report is on file.)

1. All three town meetings have approved the concept plan.
2. DelDOT reorganized and assigned new personnel to HRTCC and this is going well.
3. Pete Renzetti on committee and gathering proposals for gateway structures.
4. Meetings have been positive.
5. Timeline for the entire process was discussed.

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**6. HRTCC and Nat. Historic Landmark committee organized a presentation by the Nat. Park Service on the use of art in public design.**

**David Scott endorsed this presentation of the Nat. Park Service. He felt it was a very valuable presentation.**

**Old Business:**

**Page announced that we have a new bench for The Mall.**

**New Business:**

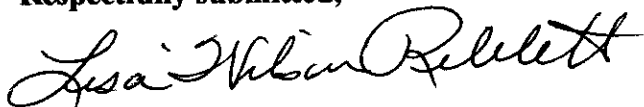
**1. Gil said he had some friends who were visiting who could not read the road signs. Page responded that several people have been painting the names on the signs to increase visibility. Oliver asked if there is a schedule for painting. Page said no it is being done by volunteers.**

**2. Steve Cohen said volunteers are needed for the Arden Fair.**

**3. Elaine said Betty Ann Thernal asked for a planting plan for the playground. Elaine said she has a plan for trees. See Elaine if you would like to see the plan. A Fall planting is scheduled. We will look at this plan again at the September meeting.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Lisa Wilson Riblett  
Secretary**

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