

May 2005  
minutes

# Village of Ardentown

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## NOTICE OF

### TOWN MEETING

The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

7:30 P.M.

### AGENDA (Partial)

1. Elections: Registration Committee: 1 member, 2 year term  
Budget Assessment Committee : 2 members, 2 year term
2. Audit Committee Annual Report
3. Address safety issues in the village

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS  
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY MAY 9, 2005; STEVE  
COHEN, CHAIR, PRESIDING.

In attendance were:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Steve Cohen           | 15. Rusty Hoegger     |
| 2. Marylou Kime          | 16. Doris Boller      |
| 3. Cheryl Regan          | 17. Sheila Johnston   |
| 4. Enno Krebbers         | 18. David Scott       |
| 5. Richard Mondzelewski  | 19. Bob DeNigris      |
| 6. Cindy Cohen           | 20. Lesley Holden     |
| 7. Dotty Verne           | 21. Harry Themal      |
| 8. Alison Byer           | 22. Marguerite Archer |
| 9. Sally Decker          | 23. Betty Ann Themal  |
| 10. Barbara Mondzelewski | 24. Joy Mulholland    |
| 11. Gil Johnston         | 25. Hans Francke      |
| 12. Joan Fitzgerald      | 26. Maryann Nelson    |
| 13. Maureen Gordon       | 27. Steve Smith       |
| 14. Hardy Hoegger        | 28. Elaine Schmerling |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were corrected and approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking:	\$ 540.66
Savings:	7,506.41
Municipal Street Aid:	-0-
Arden Building & Loan	19,697.26
Total funds available	<u>\$27,744.33</u>

REGISTRATION REPORT - Sheila Johnston, Chair; Maureen Gordon reporting: Jerry Robertson has moved out of Ardentown.

Steve Smith has moved into 1607 Orchard Road.

Lauren Burslem and Joey Finocchiaro have moved from Arden into 1707 Harvey Road.

Terri Elliot has moved into 2211 ½ Loreley Lane.

Marc Vazquez and Cathy Kerchner have moved into 2316 Orchard Road.

Mike and Gina Lindsey have moved into 2204 Sconset Road.

COMMUNITY PLANNING - Alison Byer, Chair:

Leslie Holden and David Scott have resigned from the committee and the new members to replace them are Joan Fitzgerald and Jerry Bishoff.

MEMORIAL GARDEN - Rusty Hoegger, Chair:

Saturday, May 21 from 9-12 is the scheduled work day for clean up and ivy cutting in the Memorial Garden.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE - Elaine Schmerling, Chair:

April 3 the committee met and checked out all equipment. It all looked good except bolts in the see-saw had to be replaced. Larry Walker fixed the see-saw at no charge to us. With the \$50. budget we will have Hal Goodwin restake the holly trees from last years planting that are in trouble.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER - Marguerite Archer:

It was announced that Beverley Fleming will take over the running of the BWVC with a new committee for Arden members. Keith Powell will be doing the mainenance. The YMCA is no longer a tenant.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - Maryann Nelson, Chair:

Weed treatment is to be done behind the New Candlelight Theatre. 6 bins for mulching and composting, leaves only, is being financed by a grant and will have the grand opening on November 5. The work has started with the fence being repaired and the area cleared and regraded. The contract includes planting screening trees such as Atlantic White Cedar along the creek and behind the compost pile using ½ the grant's money now and the rest of the planting will be in the fall along the front entrance with a few donated plants

as well. There was a lot of discussion regarding chemical control of ivy. Elaine met with Brian Hall, State Forester, and Sue Rothrock of Arden before this meeting. He discussed available grants for tree management. He spoke of a large fire prevention grant. He pointed out that ivy is a high fire hazard and the committee recommends applying to the State for another grant to spray and control the ivy. The spray he recommended is water safe within 2 hours of spraying. After some more discussion, a motion was made and passed to accept the recommendation of the State Forester to apply for the grant.

The Weed and Walk is continuing every Thursday 9-10 A.M. Volunteers are needed. Regarding the ivy smothering experiment - 20 hours were spent putting down plastic with anchors, poking holes in it to prevent mosquitos from breeding in water that accumulated, pulling ivy that was alive and putting mulch around to smother ivy and the result has not been a raging success. It would have been much easier and more cost and time effective to have sprayed it.

Elaine Schmerling was thanked for her time and energy dedicated to the Weed and Walk and research on the ivy and tree projects.

Drew Hansen reported that the committee walked around town recently with Richard Cropper from Downing. The roadbed under a part of Swiss Lane is collapsing even though we did a full resurfacing of Swiss Lane in 2002.

There may be an underground stream requiring an excavation and filling with rock. At this time cold patching of the potholes is being done. Also at the top of Brae and the bottom of East Mall attention is needed.

**HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE - Enno Krebbers:**  
The construction of Harvey Road is finished. The next steps are toward getting speed signs and completing the gateway.

**TRUSTEES REPORT - DeNigris, Mondzelewski, Themal**  
Bartlett will be doing trimming and cutting trees in the next few months.  
Harry listed the addresses for some of this work.

The Eden Rock corner of Millers and Harvey Roads will be cleared up by Hal Goodwin.

Vandalism seems to have increased including turfing of the greens, with one car spotted on the Henry George Green at 4:30 a.m. and an ATV seen on the Mall at another time. Residents are urged to keep an eye out to get any

information that may help catch these vandals. Report problems to Cindy Cohen or Betty O'Regan of Town Watch and the police.

We were reminded of large-item trash pick-up May 21.

We were also reminded of May 24 Brandywine School District referendum, which could result in higher school taxes and therefore need for land rent increase. Also county taxes may go up in the future.

Omnipoint wants to put a 123-foot cellphone pole on Foulk Road just north of Naamans, this is possibly the one that had been ticketed for Marsh and Grubb Roads.

**TOWN CHAIR REPORT - Steve Cohen:**

There was some discussion on a Comcast Franchise Agreement that was offered to the 3 Ardens and County funding.

**ELECTIONS:**

Public Works and Safety Committee: 2 year term - Maryann Nelson  
 Cheryl Regan  
 Leslie Holden  
 Drew Hanson

Playground Committee: 2 year term - Elaine Schmerling

Audit Committee: 1 year term - Hans Francke

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reminder of the Fair September 3. Volunteers contact Cindy Cohen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Verne  
 Secretary