

May 2012
minutes

Village of Ardentown
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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING
The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, September 10, 2012
7:30 pm

AGENDA (partial)

Mosquito Update – *Are you having any problems?*

Audit Committee: Annual Report

Elections: Registration Committee - 2 members, 2 year term
Budget Committee - 2 members, 2 year term

Committee Reports

Betty Ann Themal Retiring!
Join us for cake as we celebrate her 27 years of service

A quorum is needed at the town meeting, please come!

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 14, 2012. Enno Krebbers, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

Attendance

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| 1. Betty Ann Thernal | 16. Joy Mulholland | 31. Barbara Conway |
| 2. Harry Thernal | 17. Beverley Fleming | 32. Maureen Gordon |
| 3. Joan Fitzgerald | 18. Joan Phibbs | 33. Hans Francke |
| 4. Cheryl Regan | 19. Barbara Mondzelewski | 34. Sandra Landerl |
| 5. Suzanne Winkler-Maguire | 20. Shelley Robyn | 35. Andrew Hansen |
| 6. Carol Daggars | 21. Pat Lane | 36. Terri Hansen |
| 7. David Daggars | 22. Rhys McClure | 37. Steve Cohen |
| 8. Bill Meredith | 23. Bob Lockerman | 38. Oliver Gutsche |
| 9. Sheila Meredith | 24. Edmond Bischoff | 39. Elaine Schmerling |
| 10. Hardy Hoegger | 25. June Kleban | GUESTS: |
| 11. Rusty Hoegger | 26. Janet Cosgrove | Annde & Bob Solway |
| 12. Enno Krebbers | 27. Shari Phalan | Brooke Walden |
| 13. Alison Wakelin | 28. Patrick Phalan | Tom Wheeler |
| 14. D. Jeanne Mearkle | 29. Carol Lovett | Robert DeNigris |
| 15. Susan Mearkle | 30. Sandra Platt | Tom Moran |

MEETING: Regular meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Enno Krebbers, Town Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting were approved, as corrected.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Janet Cosgrove

Tenants

Rhys McClure to 2003 East Mall #1

SPECIAL REPORT – Mosquito Control: Thomas Morgan, State of Delaware
Tom gave an informative presentation on mosquito control. Tom reviewed the life cycle of mosquitos, techniques used to monitor the population levels and types of insecticides used to control mosquitoes.

Residents are encouraged to remove standing water, monitor the amount of mosquitos on your property, and notify Enno Krebbers if the level becomes unbearable. Enno, through discussions with the Coordinating Committee will decide what action needs to be taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts:	\$ 40,658.79
Municipal Street Aid:	19,074.92
Arden Building & Loan:	<u>25,041.03</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$84,774.74

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger

Fence rails are down along Harvey Road and will need to be replaced.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Terri Hansen reporting for Beverley Fleming
We continue to organize for the 7th Peddler, Potions & Practitioners Holistic event at the upcoming Arden Fair.

Overall rentals are doing very well.

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Alison Wakelin

Alison attended the Arden Community Planning meeting and they are discussing the possibility of increasing the land rents on the leasehold that are currently vacant. While that may be a concern in Arden, we do not have a lot of vacant houses.

To help increase attendance at our Town Meetings, we are going to have a Pot Luck dinner. More information to follow

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT: Cheryl Regan

Roads – Joan Wharburton-Phibbs: Downing has begun the work on East Mall.

Signs – Sue Mearkle / Cheryl Regan: Sue has figured a way to stain the signs without having it leach into the lettering. Once the reflective glass grit is applied, they will be installed. The exploratory/rezoning signs at Eden Rock have been removed. The badly worn stop signs will be replaced at Millers and Loreley. A few badly faded no standing/stopping/parking signs will be replaced. A surveillance sign has been ordered for the compost area. The path behind Eden rock behind Millers road has been cleared out. The broken rails at the memorial garden have been replaced. The broken limb at the end of the Mall by Sconset has been removed.

Snow/sand – David Byer: Snow removal was kept at a minimum for Ardentown due to our warm winter temperatures. Only one plowing event by Jim Burslem and crew; totaling \$860 (including retainer of \$500.00). DelDOT removed all sand barrels during the last week of April. Very little sand, if any, was used. There is clearly a misunderstanding in the village as to whether the barrels should be sideways or up-right (the latter, to prevent freezing). This will be addressed next fall to avoid similar problems next winter.

Town Watch: There is no current town watch. After a discussion with a police officer, the county police will be stepping up patrols in the Ardens for the next few days.

Ardentown Natural Lands Steward – Elaine Schmerling

1) Americorps/Sunnyside - I sent out report to the Arden Page on the great work in Sunnyside with a fabulous Americorps crew, saving over 2000 trees in Sunnyside (including young ones) from ivy, oriental bittersweet and huge Japanese honeysuckle vines. Still a lot more to do...thanks to Nick Liberman who came out twice with his power saw to saw trees off the paths (many pulled down & killed by ivy) and huge vines we couldn't get by hand.

2) Planting - A. Cheryl & I cleaned up the new plantings on the **Henry George Green**, and transplanted 4 beautyberry shrubs (2 by the sign, and 2 where 2 serviceberries have died). We think they died because of the walnut trees. Fringe trees are not affected. We'll monitor beautyberries! B. **Compost area** - lots of work to do there, Hal is to clear/cut. I still want to plant water loving small trees & shrubs in old Compost Education area, have some to plant there, haven't had time yet. Want to cover in landscape cloth or cardboard. Would anyone like to help? I and Alex have cleared many invasive weeds behind the compost bins, to clear off the trees there, etc.

3) Read the "Arbor Day Tree Proclamation" and gave away free tree seedlings for Ardentown's Arbor Day celebration! (for us to be a "Tree City USA" and eligible for state forestry grants).

4) Under Power Lines below Phalans, on way to creek: Concern that the low trees & shrubs, including sumacs, have all been taken out. There are many, many seedlings of phragmites and mile-a-minute coming up. Elaine will call the power company to ask if 1) they can replant sumacs, and 2) if they can pay for RedTail Restoration to manage the invasives. Better on-going management of that area would cost less in the long run.

PLAYGROUND REPORT - Hal Goodwin did put mulch out at the playground. It looks much better.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Harry Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski, Pat Lane

Since 1985 Betty Ann Themal as served as the Secretary to the Trustees.

After 27 years, Betty Ann has decided to retire. We would like to thank Betty Ann for all of her hard work and contributions.

Joan Fitzgerald will begin assuming her responsibilities.

HB 312 will be presented for the changes in our Charter adding the Sunnyside Tract and changing the terms of our Town Chair and Town Secretary from 1 year to 2 years.

Eden Rock: The lease has been transferred from Mark Roth, to WSFS, to Hard Rock Holding. We have received a few inquiries, but no offers at this time. Chains have been installed at the entrance to Eden Rock. This should eliminate the unauthorized parking in the lot. The parking lot will be available during the shows at the Candlelight to handle the overflow parking.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Enno Krebbers

Parking continues to be a problem on Sconset. This past month the Waste Management trash truck could not get through for trash pickup. Cars are to be off the street to ensure that emergency vehicles can get through. Ardencroft has had cars towed – we have not, but may be forced to do so. Please talk to your neighbors if there is a problem.

Due to the recent break-ins, the NCC police have added extra patrol.

ELECTIONS :

Audit Committee: Elected for a 1 year term

Holly Custer, Hans Francke, and June Kleban

Public Works & Safety Committee: Elected for a 2 year term

Elaine Schmerling, Paul Romagano, (open position)


ELECTIONS – September: Registration and Budget Committees

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Hardy Hoegger asked when Delmarva would be back to replace the trees on Harvey Road they removed during the recent trimming. Elaine Schmerling offered to call and follow up with them.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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