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NOTICE

TOWN MEETING

at the Candlelight Theatre
(upstairs)

Monday, February 14, 2000

7:30pm

AGENDA

(partial)

1. **ELECTIONS:** Town Secretary - one year term
Memorial Garden - three members, four year term
2. **HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE:** open discussion and voting,
lead by Chris Coburn
3. **TOWN BUDGET 2000:** open discussion and approval
4. **TRUSTEES BUDGET 2000:** open discussion and approval

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1999, DAVID SCOTT, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Pat Lane | 21. Hardy Hoegger |
| 2. Betty Solway Smith | 22. Beverley Fleming |
| 3. Beth Holloway | 23. Jennifer Cross |
| 4. Doris Boller | 24. Sean O'Keefe |
| 5. Sally Decker | 25. Katrina Nelson |
| 6. Stefanie Lombardo | 26. Page Dwyer |
| 7. James J. Ficca | 27. Peter C. Townsend |
| 8. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 28. Maureen Gordon |
| 9. Barbara Mondzelewski | 29. Bob DeNigris |
| 10. Ray Lavoie | 30. Kate Bartolo |
| 11. Lee Till | 31. Art Cohen |
| 12. Charles Till | 32. Oliver Gutsche |
| 13. Ed Kime | 33. Shari Phalan |
| 14. Marylou Kime | 34. Chris Cuttance |
| 15. Richard Mondzelewski | 35. M. J. Smith |
| 16. Peter Coburn | 36. Peter A. Willis |
| 17. Sue Coburn | 37. Dotty Verne |
| 18. Janet Cosgrove | |
| 19. Lesley Holden | |
| 20. Rusty Hoegger | |

COMMUNICATIONS: David Scott, Chair

David explained that two meetings would take place tonight: the regular Ardentown Meeting from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm and then at 7:30 pm a joint meeting of Ardentown and Ardencroft.

David noted that an Audit Committee report had been submitted by Lee Till and Marylou Kime. The Ardentown financial books were audited on May 24, 1999 for a period of two years commencing on 1/1/97 to 12/31/98. The books were found to be in order and no discrepancies were found.

ELECTIONS:

Town Officers : David Scott, Chair and Barbara Mondzelewski, Treasurer were unanimously re-elected for a one year term. The Secretary position was not filled. Anyone who would be interested in filling this position is asked to call Lisa Wilson Riblett at 475-7647 or David Scott at 475-3077.

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REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Dotty Verne

2232 Marsh Road transferred from Attilio Porcelli to Thomas Porcelli.

2310 Orchard Road transferred from Elizabeth Lovett James to Jeffrey M. McKay.

2319 Sconset Road transferred from Richard D. and Jacqueline Nicklas to Jacqueline A. Nicklas.

2210 Swiss Lane from Ingleside Homes Inc. to Eden Rock (Mark Roth).

David Scott's new address is 2306 Loreley Road.

Dotty noted that you must be a resident for six months before you can vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking: \$509.20

Savings: \$8,490.35

Municipal Street Aid: \$19,505.48

Arden Building and Loan: \$16,944.00

Total Funds available: \$45,449.03

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Page Dwyer, Chair

a. Footbridge by Nelsons' (at the bottom of East Mall) has been repaired by Bob Pollock.

b. Miscellaneous potholes to be addressed next year.

c. Wayne Knotts said it would cost approximately \$1,700.00 per 100 feet to raise the curb stones in our Village.

Page will get more prices for our consideration.

d. Page will look into the snow removal contract for the 1999-2000 season.

Betty Solway Smith said she has been paying to remove debris from the drain on Woodland Road. Her banks are being negatively effective. Page said we may have to ask Bob Osbourne to clean it periodically. David Scott suggested that the Civ. Com. look into it. Page agreed to call David regarding this.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Bob DeNigris

Ingleside, now called Eden Rock, has been sold to Mark Roth. Bob made a reference to the current article in the Arden Page regarding Eden Rock.

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT: Rusty Hoegger, Chair

No report at this time.

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GUEST, WAYNE SMITH, STATE REP.

Wayne spoke about the student and teacher accountability issue. Wayne and other reps are going to revisit this issue in January 2000. He noted that special education children were of concern and that this bill needed a lot more work and consideration.

Wayne also handed out magnets with important phone numbers on them i.e. Police, Fire, Ambulance 911, Poison Control 655-3389, Potholes, Storm Drains, Road Maintenance 323-4480, County Complaints (includes creekbeds) 395-5555, State Info and Referral Service 577-2011, and also Wayne Smith, State Rep., home 475-5460 and office 577-8723.

ARDENTOWN AND ARDENCROFT MEETING

David Scott welcomed the residents of Ardentown (AT), Ardencroft (AC), Arden (A) and guests to this historic meeting. David explained that Ardentown and Ardencroft were conducting a legal meeting and consequently both Chairs would be running the meeting.

David introduced Darren O'Neill from DelDOT and two technical advisors, Jim Dorsey and Jim Holls. David stressed that we are here to solve a problem which we already know exists and we will be conducting the meeting as an act of Goodwill.

ARDENCROFT MEETING

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENCROFT WAS CONVENED AT 7:40 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1999, AT THE CANDLELIGHT THEATRE IN ARDENTOWN, BOB POLLOCK, CHAIR, PRESIDING.
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

In attendance were:

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| 1. Bob Pollock | 9. Blake Bayley |
| 2. Amy Pollock | 10. Richard Little |
| 3. Polly Brown | 11. Jim Scott |
| 4. Donna Dreisbach | 12. Dorsey Lebeis |
| 5. Shirley Samson | 13. David Clements |
| 6. Chic Samson | 14. Richard Lebeis |
| 7. Phyllis Conner | 15. N. M. Falasco |
| 8. Chuck Conner | |

Arden residents and guests in attendance were:

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| 1. Phil Fisher (A) | 7. Bill Press (A) |
| 2. Beverly Barnett (A) | 8. Walter Borders (A) |
| 3. Lynda Kolski (A) | 9. Jim Dorsey, WBCM |
| 4. Mary Marconi (A) | 10. Darren O'Neill, DelDOT |
| 5. Peggy Aumack (A) | 11. Jim Holls, WBCM |
| 6. Wayne Smith, State Rep. | |

A presentation was given by Mr. O'Neill stating that the goal of the Harvey/Veale Project was to help with the extra traffic volume when I95 becomes closed in the coming months. Harvey/Veale intersection was noted by DelDOT as an intersection that was going to be hard hit by extra traffic volume. The Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee (HRTCC) reps and DelDOT reps worked together to try to achieve a positive outcome. DelDOT has noticed some positive aspects, some negative aspects and some status quo aspects. One of the major goals was to try to slow traffic down. It was noted that this was a test and they are trying to learn what was good and what was bad. One problem that was noted was noise. Studies showed that this kind of road surface does work well on slow speed roads. However, the traffic that is passing straight through has not slowed down. Consequently, noise is a problem. The second issue is slippage. A goal was made to address slippage on Veale Road. Mr. O'Neill referenced a meeting which included many different people that reviewed this project. Problems and goals were both discussed.

A recommendation was made after this meeting. Mr. O'Neill noted that DelDOT has been criticized for this project by other developments who feel the Ardens received special treatment. It would be difficult for DelDOT to get further funding for additional projects for the HRTCC if this project is completely returned to its original state.

The recommendation from DelDOT is that the "bricks" would be replaced with asphalt pavement that is colored without a sealant thereby removing noise and the slippery area. However, DelDOT would like to keep the pedestrian walkway. This would provide a small noise factor. They are trying to preserve the project.

Phil Fisher (A) asked if we could grout in the groves. Mr. O'Neill said they discussed grouting and found that the grout would not stay in the groves. The grout would come out within a few weeks.

David Clements (AC) asked about safety. He said his motor cycle almost fell when the "bricks" were wet. Water sits in the groves and on the "bricks" and is dangerous. David also asked if DelDOT could place a sign saying "Not for over the road vehicles". Mr. O'Neill said he does not know what the Traffic Department would say. Mr. O'Neill said a request can be made but he does not know the outcome.

Polly Brown (AC) believes that cars are not going around the corners more slowly. Polly said she has not noted many

pedestrians. She said that cars are drifting onto the pedestrian walkway. Mr. O'Neill noted that during their counting studies, they did not see any pedestrians.

Peter Townsend (AT) noted that he has not seen any pedestrians and wondered if the yellow area could be filled in and colored.

Blake Bayley (AC) asked what is the likelihood of the two inches of asphalt staying on a concrete base. Blake also expressed concern about the winter season and its effect and about the island on Veale Road.

Mr. O'Neill said the way people go through that intersection defies all logic. The reason DelDOT put the island on Veale Road up so high was to try to get people to navigate the intersection responsibly. DelDOT wants to find a solution for these problems this Fall before cold weather sets in.

Pat Lane (AT) asked how emergency vehicles are doing navigating the Veale Road island. Mr. O'Neill said large vehicles will hit the island. Pat was concerned about the tipping factor. Bob Pollock said this would not be a problem. It was noted that a raised but mountable stone area might work.

Jim Scott (AC) asked if we could blend the red and yellow asphalts and can we imbed the words "SLOW" in the road. Mr. O'Neill said once you get passed this intersection, it is a straight road and cars go fast.

Kate Bartolo (AT) expressed her thanks for the pedestrian walkway but she was concerned about slippage on the walkway.

Sue Coburn (AT) asked if it had been considered to make the north bound lane of Veale Road two lanes. Mr. O'Neill said the direction he was given was not to do that.

Hardy Hoegger (AT) noted that a right turn off of Veale Road onto Harvey Road is usually not a problem but it is a problem in the winter when it is slippery and he suggested a traffic light.

Amy Pollock (AC) said we do not need to encourage more traffic and we do not want to encourage less pedestrian traffic. Mr. O'Neill said the Traffic Department is looking into this and many other issues and the 16,000 cars who use these roads.

Jennifer Cross (AT) asked if a grass strip could go in the

middle of Harvey Road. It was noted that the road is not wide enough.

Polly Brown (AC) asked if DelDOT could put in bumper poles. Mr. O'Neill said they could not put in anything that would be considered an obstruction.

Beverly Barnett (A), chair of HRTCC, asked Mr. O'Neill to comment on the economic and technical feasibility of grinding down the red section of the concrete enough to eliminate the noise and traction problems.

A motion was made by Jim Scott (AC) that what is currently red "brick" be changed to red nonslip macadam and what is currently yellow "brick" be turned into yellow nonslip macadam and that the surfaces be adequately crowned for proper drainage. The motion was seconded by an Ardencroft resident. A duplicate motion was made by Bob DeNigris (AT) and was seconded by an Ardentown resident.

Mr. O'Neill said he needs to check on the availability of colors. Bob Pollock noted that the color might be beige. Everyone felt that would be acceptable.

The motion was unanimously accepted by Ardencroft residents and by Ardentown residents.

Michael Smith (AT) made a motion that we immediately dissolve the HRTCC. It was seconded by an Ardentown resident. (NOTE: Ardencroft did not make a duplicate motion.)

Shari Phalan (AT) said she did not want this motion to go forward.

Hardy Hoegger (AT) said he felt the same way. Hardy said unfortunately there are some people who never come to any meetings except to complain after the fact.

Ray Lavoie (AT) asked why does Michael Smith (AT) want to dissolve the HRTCC. Michael Smith said it was costing tax payer dollars.

Ardentown residents unanimously rejected this motion.

David Clements motioned to accept DelDOT's recommendation to fill in the island with stones in cement. The motion was seconded by an Ardencroft resident. Bob DeNigris (AT) made a duplicate motion and it was seconded by an Ardentown resident.

Mr. O'Neill noted that due to the cost, DelDOT would not be in a position to pay for the stone work. It was noted that an individual(s) outside of DelDOT would need to provide this.

The motion was unanimously accepted by Ardencroft and Ardentown residents.

Polly Brown (AC) motioned for DelDOT to strongly consider a delineation of the traveled way with a nonaggressive barrier on the two curves of Veale Road. The motion was seconded by an Ardencroft resident. Peter Townsend (AT) made a duplicate motion and it was seconded by an Ardentown resident.

Mr. O'Neill said he could not put anything in place that would do damage to a car. He supports something nonaggressive.

Stefanie Lombardo (AT) expressed concern about how a nonaggressive barrier would be defined. Mr. O'Neill said he understood her concerns.

The motion was unanimously accepted by Ardencroft and Ardentown residents.

Shari Phalan (AT) motioned that we recommend to DelDOT to change the "35 mph" sign to an "End of 25 mph" sign and that the existing 25 mph sign be moved to line up with the corresponding sign on the other side of the street. Amy Pollock (AC) made a duplicate motion and it was seconded by an Ardencroft resident.

The motion was unanimously accepted by Ardencroft and Ardentown residents.

Hardy Hoegger (AT) motioned to request DelDOT to consider the feasibility of a traffic signal at Harvey/Veale Roads. The motion was seconded by an Ardentown resident. Jim Scott (AC) made a duplicate motion and it was seconded by an Ardencroft resident.

Amy Pollock (AC) motioned to amend Jim Scott's motion to request that the signal be human-scale, pole-mounted, as suggested by the HRTCC. The motion was seconded by an Ardencroft resident. Charles Till (AT) made a duplicate motion and it was seconded by an Ardentown resident.

Peter Townsend (AT) further motioned to amend Charles Till's (AT) motion to include arrows for a protected left turn phase. It was seconded by an Ardentown resident. (NOTE:

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Ardencroft did not make a duplicate motion).

David Scott noted this traffic light would not be something that would happen soon. After much discussion, Peter Townsend's (AT) amendment was defeated. Ardentown residents voted 1 yes vote and 36 no votes.

David Clements (AC) expressed concerns about pollution and other health and safety factors if a light were to be installed. He wants these questions answered before we proceed.

Hardy Hoegger (AT) said he would hope DelDOT would synchronize the traffic lights.

After much discussion, Ardencroft voted 5 yes and 7 no regarding requesting a traffic light. Ardentown voted 8 yes and 13 no. The motion was defeated by both Towns.

Mr. O'Neill said he would take back our recommendations and comments to DelDOT. Mr. O'Neill said it must be done before the year ends.

GOODWILL: Bob Pollock
Bob thanked the DelDOT rep for his hard work and patience. Bill Press (A) also noted that Mr. O'Neill conducted himself well and offered his thanks.

The joint meeting of Ardentown and Ardencroft was declared closed by their respective Chairs at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Ardentown and Ardencroft,



Lisa Wilson Riblett
Secretary of Ardentown

**REPORT TO THE JOINT TOWN MEETINGS OF ARDENTOWN AND ARDENCROFT
FROM THE HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE**

Beverly Barnett (A), chair, submitted this report to David Scott (AT), chair, and Bob Pollock (AC), chair, prior to the beginning of the joint meeting. Copies were also distributed at the meeting. A copy of this report is attached.

THE THREE ARDENS HOME OCCUPATION TASK FORCE

After the conclusion of the meeting, Amy Pollock, Ardencroft resident and elected spokesperson, submitted a document entitled "The Three Ardens Home Occupation Task Force" dated October 20, 1999. A copy of this document is on file with the Town Secretaries in both Ardentown and Ardencroft and is available to anyone who would like to read it.