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## NOTICE

### TOWN MEETING

AT THE CANDLELIGHT THEATRE  
(downstairs)

Monday, February 12, 2001  
7:30 P.M.

### AGENDA (partial)

1. Budget/Assessment Report: Jack Brandner, Chair
2. \$16,000 Committed to Arden Archives: Open discussion of payments
3. Trustees' Budget Report: Bob DeNigris
4. Election: Civic Com. to fill one vacancy
5. Parking Ordinance: Open discussion of revisions to ordinance  
(see copy of Parking Ordinance)
6. Six-month pilot program of State Police to provide additional patrols along Harvey and Veale Roads:  
Open discussion

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!! WE HAVE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON!!**

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 13, 2000, DAVID SCOTT, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

**In attendance were:**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 17. Sarah Coburn      |
| 2. David Scott         | 18. Chris Coburn      |
| 3. Bob Lockerman       | 19. Pat Phalan        |
| 4. Ray Lavoie          | 20. Bob DeNigris      |
| 5. Joy Mulholland      | 21. Katrina Nelson    |
| 6. Enno Krebbers       | 22. John Brandner     |
| 7. Sally Decker        | 23. Harry Themal      |
| 8. Kate Bartolo        | 24. Betty Ann Themal  |
| 9. Doris Boller        | 25. Maureen Gordon    |
| 10. Cheryl Regan       | 26. Shari Phalan      |
| 11. Marylou Kime       | 27. Elaine Schmerling |
| 12. Page Dwyer         |                       |
| 13. Lesley Holden      |                       |
| 14. Rusty Hoegger      |                       |
| 15. Hardy Hoegger      |                       |
| 16. Ted Tomasi         |                       |

**Others:**

1. Aaron Hamburger, Arden
2. Mark Taylor, Arden

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Aaron Hamburger and Mark Taylor, Arden  
David introduced Aaron and Mark who came to discuss the establishment of a three Ardens' Archives and Museum.

Aaron hopes all three villages will participate in this venture. This would be a museum and an archives. Once the initial costs of the building have been financed, the rental income from the apartments at the craft shop would make the venture self sustaining. \$600,000 is how much money is needed to be raised. Aaron said Arden has given \$28,000 and is hoping that Ardentown will donate \$16,000 and Ardencroft \$12,000.

Aaron feels that we need to share our unique villages and the successful experience of our experimental community with the rest of the world. He feels that creating a museum and archives would be a way to accomplish this.

After some discussion, Harry Themal made the following motion: I move that the Village of Ardentown pledge \$16,000 toward the Arden Craft Shop Museum and Archives capital campaign over a period of three years, with the understanding that all conditions be met as described in the written

proposal provided tonight to the Town Meeting by Aaron Hamburger. The exact source and schedule of the payments will be determined during the upcoming budget processes of the Town and the Trustees. Hardy Hoegger seconded the motion. The vote was 24 yes and 2 abstained. A copy of the "Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc. - Proposal for a Three Ardens Corporation" which Aaron presented and Harry Themal made reference to is on file with the Secretary of Ardentown if anyone who would like to read it.

Aaron noted that any items donated to the Archives/Museum by Ardentown would remain the property of Ardentown. Mark Taylor noted that Arden is very positive about including the other two Ardens.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** David Scott, Chair

1. David noted that we should be sending a rep to the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred. Anyone interested, please see David.
2. We have received a "Housing and Community Development Proposal Packet" from New Castle County Department of Community Service for anyone who would like to read it.
3. David received a letter regarding snow removal reimbursement from the Delaware Department of Transportation. Unfortunately, we are not eligible.
4. David noted that some federal funds are available from Wilmaco. David is looking into this to see if we would qualify.
5. David received a letter from the State of Delaware Historic Preservation Office stating that Ardentown will be considered by the Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.
6. E. Earle Downing, Inc. (our asphalt paving contractor) mailed a letter to Page Dwyer, Civic Com. Chair, apologizing for not letting Ardentown know in advance that they were going to begin road work.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes were unanimously accepted.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** Lisa Wilson Riblett for Dotty Verne Molly Panella and Mike Scine are new residents at 1605 Orchard Road; 1707 Harvey Road was sold from Graham to Joan Fitzgerald; 1505 Harvey Road was sold from Anna Ponte to Sandra Langerl.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lisa for Barbara Mondzelewski  
Checking Account: \$688.50  
Savings: \$3,242.40  
Municipal Street Aid: \$28,189.03  
Arden Building & Loan: \$29,575.95

**ELECTIONS:**

**Town Officers:** David Scott, Chair; Lisa Wilson Riblett, Secretary and Barbara Mondzelewski, Treasurer were all unanimously re-elected for a one year term.

**Registration Committee:** Maureen Gordon and Marylou Kime were unanimously elected for a two year term.

**Civic Committee:** Barry Wallace was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy.

**Audit Committee:** Peter Townsend was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Harry Themal

Harry said that Eden Rock is presently working on a historic overlay. The historic research has shown that Eden Rock's original old house maybe the oldest building in all three of the Ardens (except the Spring House in the Memorial Garden in Arden).

**CIVIC COMMITTEE:** Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Downing hit a water main in front of Page's house during the recent road work. Enno asked how were the areas to be worked on decided. Page said a group of individuals walk around looking for what road problems will not make it through the winter.
2. Page noted an article in the newspaper regarding loose dogs. This article is on file with the Town Secretary if anyone would like to read it.
3. Hardy and Page determined seven locations where they would like to put blue sand barrels. This was decided by input from residents and history.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** Rusty Hoegger, Chair

A water source will be added to the Garden in Spring. The Garden is now 10 years old. Rusty had a work party at the Garden recently to cut ivy from the trees.

**SUNNYSIDE RESERVE:** Chris Coburn, Steward

Chris had a cleanup on Sunday, November 12. They took out about 10 bags of trash from the Reserve. Chris said he will look at the Reserve again in Spring for a possible additional cleanup.

On Sunday, December 3, at 10:30 A.M., there will be a cleanup of the Glen. Please meet at the bottom of Sconset.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Lesley Holden

An audit of the Treasurer's accounts on October 17, 2000, showed all balances correct to the penny. The Audit Committee made a suggestion to avoid the monthly service charges of \$9.00. A copy of this report is on file with the Town Secretary if anyone would like to read it.

**OMNI POINT COMMUNICATION TOWER:** David Scott

David explained that Omni Point is looking for a place to install a 100 foot communication tower that would be approximately 3 feet at the base. They proposed to put it behind the Odd Fellows Hall at Harvey and Marsh Roads. Alton Dahl, Arden, recently suggested to Omni Point that they consider putting it on the Arden Water Tower. Omni Point is looking into this suggestion or the possibility of the fire tower at Naamans and Marsh Roads.

Hardy Hoegger said he has seen these units with the block bases and fences around them and they are ugly. Ted Tomasi asked how effective are we in influencing this decision. David said with contacts like Wayne Smith and our own strong reps, we do influence decisions. Enno asked what was the range of area that Omni Point was looking for. David said you would have to see the map but it was a really small area.

Harry Themal made the following motion: Resolved by the Town Meeting of Ardentown at its November 13, 2000, meeting that it strongly opposes the placement of any communications towers in the proximity of the historic Odd Fellows Hall, Marsh and Harvey/Grubb Roads, and the homes of the Villages of Arden, Ardentown and Ardencroft. The Town Meeting urges that a site be found away from historic and residential areas, and asks that all proper authorities of New Castle County deny any variances or permits that would allow the tower to be erected at the above proposed sites. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Harry has a list of people he suggests sending our concerns to.

**HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE:** Enno Krebbers

Enno said that after the September 1999 meeting, he was told that things would start happening in about six months. However, now the story has changed. Many, many more approvals and reports now need to be completed. Enno said the HRTCC expressed their great disappointment with these setbacks. A new report by the HRTCC is being prepared and will be available soon. David thanked Enno for his perseverance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Wilson Riblett*

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