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NOTICE

TOWN MEETING

AT THE CANDLELIGHT THEATRE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA (PARTIAL)

1. **Elections:** Memorial Garden Committee; three people; four-year terms
2. **Budget/Assessment:** Report by Committee
3. **Trustees' Annual Report:** By Bob DeNigris

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE VOTED UPON.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2001, DAVID SCOTT
PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 19. Doris Boller |
| 2. David Scott | 20. Maureen Gordon |
| 3. Sarah Coburn | 21. Sally Decker |
| 4. K. Nadolny | 22. Harry Themal |
| 5. Stef Lombardo | 23. Betty Ann Themal |
| 6. Steven R. Cohen | 24. Oliver Gutsche |
| 7. Cindy Cohen | 25. Annie Gutsche |
| 8. Cheryl Regan | 26. Beth Holloway |
| 9. Page Dwyer | 27. Mary Ann Nelson |
| 10. Richard Mondzelewski | 28. Seth Baker |
| 11. Chris Coburn | 29. Elaine Schmerling |
| 12. Dotty Verne | |
| 13. Enno Krebbers | |
| 14. Lesley Holden | |
| 15. Pat Phillips | |
| 16. Bob DeNigris | |
| 17. Rusty Hoegger | |
| 18. Hardy Hoegger | |

Others: (not residents)

1. Henry Wright

Communications: David Scott, Chair

1. David thanked everyone for their support during his three year term as Town Chair.
2. David noted he endorsed a letter to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding:
Individual Review for Avery Site off Harvey Road next to Arden. A copy of the
letter is on file for anyone who would like to see it.

Registration Committee: Dotty Verne
No report.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Mondzelewski
Checking Account Balance: \$586.13
Savings Account Balance: \$3,417.06
Municipal Street Aid: \$14,492.62
Arden Building and Loan: \$35,774.11
Total Funds Available: \$54,269.92

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were approved with the following revision. Enno Krebbers noted that the manager referenced in the HRTCC report was a DelDot manager.

Elections:

Town Officers: Oliver Gutsche was unanimously elected for a one year term as Town Chair. Barbara Mondzelewski and Lisa Wilson Riblett were unanimously reelected for a one year terms as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Harry Themal thanked David Scott for his three years of service to our Town as Chair. Everyone in attendance applauded David's fine contribution.

Trustees' Report:

No report.

Public Works and Safety Committee: Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Cheryl, Bob and Page went to a **Safety Committee meeting** at Dennis O'Regan's house to listen to a speaker discuss "**Getting messages to residents in case of emergencies**". Presently, there is no system to notify residents. Page noted that in times of emergencies, you are not supposed to use the phones. There was some talk of a siren but that would require someone to be on duty. Page said that the speaker did have a good book called "Are You Ready". Page copied the emergency check list and she suggested we all write or phone for a free copy. ("Are You Ready?" Publication # L - 154, at FEMA, Attn: Publications, P.O.Box 70274, Washington, DC 20024 or call Marcia at 573-2855.)
2. Our **snow contract** is in place and is the same as last year.
3. Page noted that Hal Goodwin (Godwin) has been very helpful around town regarding grounds maintenance.
4. Speed bumps have been painted and paid.

Memorial Garden Committee: Rusty Hoegger, Chair

1. Harvey Road part of the fence is due this week. Hal cleared this area in preparation. Fence by Eden Rock side has been fixed.
2. We now have a hose and everything has been painted.

Old Business:

1. Harry Themal reported that **Omni Point Tower** reps have talked to many groups about where to put their Tower. They wanted to put it behind the I.O.O.F. Building at Harvey and Marsh, another consideration was the Fire Company at Naamans and Marsh Road but the Fire Company was worried about a conflict. At this time, there does not seem to be anything that concerns us. Harry will keep us posted as needed.
2. Mary Ann reported that the **BWVC Auction** netted approximately **\$14,000.00**. The BWVC would like to look into acquiring new windows.
3. Enno Krebbers said that obviously the meeting between the HRTCC and DelDOT scheduled for Sept. 11 did not take place. It was finally held Oct. 15, 2001. At that meeting, the new personnel from DelDOT and McCormick & Taylor Associates (DelDot

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consultants responsible for the planning phase of the project) introduced themselves and their specific roles to the HRTCC. They presented a summary of the project's history over the past five years, the HRTCC members filling gaps. The Ardenites made it clear that starting over from scratch was not an acceptable option, and that community input to the process was essential. DeDOT assured the group that this was not the case, and that as much previous work as possible would be used. The DeDOT team would start the process of moving from a concept plan to something ready for design by looking at technical feasibility of specific proposals from the previously developed concept plan. They would also handle necessary communication with other agencies, including SHPO (historical preservation) and the fire company. They will report back on November 19, starting an iterative process of consultation. A follow up report will be made in February. Sally asked about the Harvey/Veale intersection paint work. Enno noted that this was part of the I-95 project and not part of the Harvey Road traffic calming project

New Business

1. **A new Playground Committee** has been formed consisting of Elaine, Annie and Pat Hannigan. The new committee would like to clean up the area and make it a more attractive spot. They wrote a three part proposal: 1. Grounds; 2. Playground Equipment; 3. Long-term Beautification Goals. The total of the various work to be done in the above three steps would cost approximately \$7,000.00. Annie spoke with Donna Dreisbach of Ardencroft regarding a matching grant they received for their Playground. Annie is looking into this. After an open discussion, **Annie moved that the Town approve a sum of \$3,000.00. This amount was unanimously approved.** Annie will keep us posted as this project progresses.

2. Lisa spoke about her concerns since the **Brandywine School District decided to move many bus stops to Harvey Road.** Her youngest child was almost hit by a car that did not stop for the flashing red lights of the school bus she was boarding. Beth Holloway said she also is greatly concerned about this change. Her daughter has had unpleasant dealings with strangers since being moved out onto Harvey Road. Beth has called the Transportation Department frequently asking to speak with the Director, Jeff Viar, and has never received a call back from him but has been directed to someone else. David Scott said he did speak with Jeff Viar. Mr. Viar told David that he is not required to notify residents of these changes in advance. Mr. Viar spoke of problems with backing up buses in our Villages. After some discussion, **Lisa made the following motion** and ask permission to send it to Mr. Viar, Director of Transportation for the Brandywine School District: **The Village of Ardentown urges you to return the school bus stops to the interior roads of our Village and remove the stops on Harvey Road because the safety of our children is at stake.** The motion was **unanimously passed.**

3. Kathleen Nadolny of the Candlelight requested that we tell all the children that we see to remove their boards after skateboarding in the parking lot.

4. Bob DeNigris said there is an effort going on to **revitalize the Town Watch.** It was suggested that each Village have reps on the committee. It needs a manager/coordinator who is computer literate. It is a paid position. An ad will appear in the December Page. You have to be available in the evenings to hand out phone and car signs. Please contact Bob if you are interested in volunteering to be a liason from Ardentown or want to be

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considered for the Coordinator. David encouraged this to be part of the Public Work and
Safety Committee even if it is a new additional position on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Wilson Riblett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Wilson Riblett

Secretary