

Nov 2003  
minutes

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## NOTICE

### TOWN MEETING Candlelight Dinner Theatre

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
(7:15 to view Gateway designs)

### AGENDA (Partial)

1. **Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Enno Krebbers**  
Gateway Design presentation, discussion, and voting  
7:15: View presentation before the meeting or see complete designs on display  
at the Arden Library
2. **Elections:**  
Archives Committee: 2 members, 2 year terms  
Memorial Garden Committee: 2 members, 2 year terms
3. **Trustee Budget/Land Rent Rate: Bob DeNigris**
4. **Budget/Assessment Annual Budget Report: Hans Francke**
5. **Signage for Handicapped Parking Ordinance - Second and final reading - Steve Cohen,  
Public Works**

Please plan to attend despite the very cold weather. We need a quorum so we can approve the above agenda items.

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 10, 2003, Oliver Gutsche, Chair, presiding. A quorum was present.

## In attendance were:

1. Lisa Wilson Riblett
2. Doris Boller
3. Sally Decker
4. Doreen Deramo
5. Joe Deramo
6. Beverley Fleming
7. Rusty Hoegger
8. Drew Hansen
9. Hans Francke
10. Steven R. Cohen
11. Cindy Cohen
12. Pat Phillips
13. Marguerite Archer
14. Jean C. Smolens
15. Lesley Holden
16. Dotty Verne
17. Oliver Gutsche
18. Sheila Johnston
19. Gil Johnston
20. Bob DeNigris
21. Page Dwyer
22. David Scott
23. Betty Ann Themal
24. Harry Themal
25. Kathleen Nadolny
26. Maureen Gordon
27. Ted Heymann
28. Warren Butt
29. Elaine Schmerling
30. Shari Phalan
31. Alison Byer
32. Terri Hansen

## Non-Residents:

1. Beverly Barnett
2. Richard Miller
3. Bob Miller
4. Jody Anderson Miller

## Communications: Oliver Gutsche, Chair

1. Oliver reported he received a letter from the Division of Soil and Water Conservation about Habitat and Natural Resource Planning, Management, and Protection Assistance grants. See Oliver if you would like more information.
2. Oliver received a communication regarding snow removal and gave the information to Steve Cohen, Public Works Chair.

## Registration Committee: Maureen Gordon

New residents: Dave and Kelli Racca at 2209 Loreley Road  
Maureen reminded everyone that you must be a resident for at least six months before you are eligible to vote at Town Meetings.

**Treasurer's Report: Lisa for Barbara Mondzelewski**

**Checking Account Balance - \$561.83**

**Savings Account Balance - \$12,831.81**

**Municipal Street Aid Account - \$16,359.69**

**Arden Building & Loan - \$39, 165.86**

**Total Funds Available - \$68,919.19**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**The Minutes were approved with the note that Hal Goodwin is the correct spelling of one of our residents not Godwin.**

**Elections:**

**Town Officers: Oliver Gutsche was unanimously re-elected for his third and last consecutive term as Town Chair. Barbara Mondzelewski was unanimously re-elected as Town Treasurer. Dotty Verne was unanimously elected as Town Secretary.**

**Harry Themal asked that the Minutes reflect the Town's appreciation for Lisa's 13 years of service in the capacity of Town Secretary.**

**Community Planning Committee: Oliver Gutsche, David Scott, Drew Hansen, Lesley Holden, and Alison Byer were all unanimously elected to serve on this committee. The members will decide among themselves who will serve as the three members on odd years and the two members on even years and advise the Town Secretary.**

**Oliver explained the duties of this committee by reading its definition from the By-Laws. Harry spoke of the importance of taking care of the Greens and trees. Rusty asked if the committee was responsible for carrying out the plans, i.e. planting trees. Oliver said not necessarily. Harry suggested that the Public Works Com. and the Community Planning Com. meet.**

**Public Works and Safety Committee: Steve Cohen, Chair**

- 1. Steve thanked Lesley Holden for painting the Ardentown Sign.**
- 2. Bids are out for road repairs needed on Sconset Road. Steve noted that this is going to be a big and expensive job especially because of the water problems. Money for Sconset Road is going to be a financial challenge. Steve is working on applying for funds to help pay for this Spring project.**
- 3. Advanced Paving Systems was the low bid for the road work needed on Millers Road. Work will be done this Fall if the weather is warm enough.**
- 4. FIRST READING OF NEW ORDINANCE RE: Handicapped Parking (Ordinance 2004-01). The State of Delaware requires that every municipality pass an ordinance concerning public parking for handicapped**

individuals by March 1, 2004. Steve explained that this is regarding Public Parking and the issue of signage is important. A copy of this proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Secretary for anyone who would like to read it. The second reading of this ordinance will be at the February 2004 Town Meeting and voting will take place at that time.

5. Harry asked if we could repaint speed bumps. Steve said he would prefer to do it in the Spring. Harry suggested reflective strips on the sides of the bumps.
6. Steve said that Hardy is presently working on our Snow Removal Contract.

#### **Trustees Report: Bob DeNigris and Harry Themal**

Bob introduced Rick and Bob Miller who will soon be the new owners of the Candlelight Theatre. Bob expressed his interest in reopening the gallery. Rick will be handling the finances. The Candlelight will be closed for four weeks in January and open with A Chorus Line. Everyone gave a warm round of applause to welcome the Millers.

Harry noted that Barbara was not at the Meeting because her mother passed on.

Oliver asked if anything new has been reported with Omni Point Tower. Harry said not that he knew of.

#### **Playground Committee: Elaine Schmerling**

Elaine said some plantings i.e. Red Bud, Button Bush, Red Choke Berry, etc. have been completed. She said that some plants/trees like Norway Maples and ivy are taking over. These are not native plants and Elaine asked if anyone is interest in trying to help the forest by eliminating these, please let her know. She also noted that the committee is looking for a solution to the problem with the tether ball which continues to get stolen.

#### **BWVC Report: Marguerite Archer**

1. Bathroom renovations underway.
2. Arden approved budget which will provide money in two more years for roof.
3. Dan's doors will be installed in late Spring.
4. Fund-raising auction coming May 2004.
5. Feb. 29 will be Day of Relaxation.
6. Next committee meeting Nov. 17. Two new committee members needed soon.

#### **HRTCC: David Scott**

David said that the committee has narrowed the archway proposals to three and have asked these three individuals to resubmit their proposals with more details.

**Open Discussion Regarding Financially Supporting Arden's Purchase of the Avery Property: Introduction by Oliver Gutsche**

Oliver gave some background info regarding this property and explained that the purchase of this property will cost about \$870,00 to \$880,000 and that Arden still needs to raise about \$258,000.

David Scott feels we should support this purchase and made the following motion "I move that the Village of Ardentown contribute \$10,000.00 to the fund established by the Village of Arden for the purpose of purchasing the Avery property with the condition that should the said property not be purchased by the Village of Arden the aforesaid sum of money will be returned to the Village of Ardentown within 60 days of a decision being made not to proceed with the purchase." The motion was seconded by Cindy Cohen. Lesley Holden asked where the money would come from. David Scott said from the Town's general fund. Shari said we should support this as the other Villages supported us in the past. Marguerite also spoke in support of this. Harry asked how would this be paid. David suggested we don't pay it over three years but pay it all at once. Hans suggested changing the amount to \$20,000.00. Steve also feels we should pay now especially since Arden will be taking a large loan. Elaine suggested that the motion be modified to be as it is plus add \$5,000.00 extra next year and the year after if Arden has not raised the money. Steve motioned that we modify David's motion to change the amount to \$20,000.00 and agree that the amount would be paid at one time and not over a period of time. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The motion was unanimously carried. Bev Barnett (Arden) gave a heartfelt thank you to everyone at the Ardentown Meeting for our support.

**New Business**

1. Bev Fleming wanted to know how the construction on Harvey Road will effect the traffic flow and people in the Village. David said only one part of the road will be closed at a time. Harry asked if we could close some of our Village's roads i.e. top of Sconset and Miller's off of Marsh. David said he will take this question back to the HRTCC. Bev said she is concerned about the horrible traffic in the Village. Terri said she is concerned about the noise, dust, dirt, etc. and hopes that people will remember that some residents have to put up with heavy traffic all year because they live on Harvey. Cindy and David noted that Harvey Road will not be closed, just restricted, i.e. one lane open at a time.
2. Lesley suggested that we list in advance which elections for members of committees will be coming up so that people have time to consider the position and look into it if they are interested. She suggested that we change the By-Laws to include this. Cindy said they listed positions in advance in Ardencroft and it was definitely more work but that they did have some success with it. Harry said it sounded like a good idea. Marguerite said Arden requires several names for each position which she said can be difficult at times. Hans suggest vacancies be posted

**on the bulletin board early on. Oliver said he does not feel we need to change the By-Laws.**

**Goodwill:**

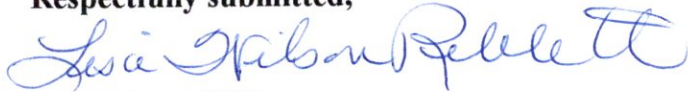
**Cindy asked that the minutes reflect our sympathy to Barbara Mondzelewski and her family on the loss of her mother.**

**Lesley said Ruth Panella (Arden) had an article in the Arden Page regarding Homeland Security and that maybe we could discuss it at our February Meeting. Bob DeNigris read what Wilmington has passed regarding Homeland Security.**

**Shari thanked Kathleen Nadolny of the Candlelight for her service to the Theatre and welcomed the Millers.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Lisa Wilson Riblett  
Secretary**