

NOV 2007
MINUTES

Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, February 11, 2008
7:30 pm

AGENDA (partial)

1. Trustees Budget/Land Rent Rate: Bob DeNigris
2. Budget/Assessment Annual Budget Report: Hans Francke
3. Elections: Memorial Gardens – 2 members; 2 year term
Archives - 3 members; 2 for 2 year term and
1 for 1 year term
4. Committee Reports

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 7:40 pm on Monday, November 12, 2007. Steve Cohen, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

Attendance

1. Steve Cohen
2. Bob Miller
3. Joan Fitzgerald
4. Barbara Mondzelewski
5. Sandra Landerl
6. Penny Payne
7. Pat Lane
8. Carol Lovett
9. Bob Lockerman
10. Enno Krebbers
11. Holly Custer
12. Beverley Fleming
13. Mayumi Nakano
14. Kan Nobuta
15. Francie Halderman
16. Maureen Gordon
17. Alison Byer
18. Rebekah Byer – Intern
19. Hardy Hoegger
20. David Scott
21. Dotty Verne
22. Drew Hansen
23. Robert DeNigris
24. Gil Johnston
25. Harry Themal
26. Betty Ann Themal
27. Edmond Bischoff
28. Joy Mulholland
29. Allan Kleban
30. Elaine Schmerling
31. Hans Francke

Guest:

Amy Pollock, Ardencroft, FAA Lawsuit
Stephen Donato, FAA Lawsuit
Mike Kelly, Attorney, FAA Lawsuit

MEETING: Regular meeting called to order by Steve Cohen, Town Chair. Steve opened the meeting asking for a moment of silence on the passing of Sally Decker and offered our condolences to Bob and Mary Lockerman on the loss of their daughter, Ashley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts:	\$16,050.64
Municipal Street Aid:	11,870.30
Arden Building & Loan:	<u>21,954.98</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$49,875.92

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT: Pat Lane

Forestry Grants – Elaine Schmerling

Nothing to report

CEPF Grant – We spent our remaining day of Norway removal in October, Hal Goodwin cut 9 very large trees down by the creek close to the Arden border. We have eliminated large seed sources and concentrated our volunteer effort with the Singles Volunteer Group of Wilmington on this area, to remove the smaller trees. We pulled and hand-sawed 85 smaller trees and removed ivy from a large part of the hillside on November 3rd.

Compost Area – Hal Goodwin built and installed a new gate for the compost area.

Access to the entrance area is much easier with the spreading of stone late last summer. Two bins have been labeled to receive LEAVES ONLY from the public. Another one is set aside for Hal, one is to TAKE FINISHED COMPOST HOME, and 2 are composting. Please, do not bring sticks or grass – this compost is for leaves only.

To bring leaves: You can toss bags over the fence and walk around and empty the bags into the proper area and use your bags to take home finished compost. Or, you can carry a tarp of leaves over and drag them to the bin.

We anticipate the 3 bins being filled this year by our residents' leaves; we do **not** have room for leaves from other communities and/or contractors.

Paths – Work will resume in spring.

The lilac tree donated by Pat Lane has been planted at the small end of the triangle on The Mall.

Elaine sent in the report for the \$950 grant from the State.

Roads – Drew Hansen

Requested clarification from Rich Cropper re: pricing for work on Sconset Road drainage swale and patching on The Mall, Sconset and Orchard roads. Pending Rich's response, the recommendation is we move forward with these items; which will leave approximately \$1,100 of the \$12,000 road budget for future projects.

We are waiting for United Water to finish their work and subsequent repair of Swiss Lane to re-evaluate the condition of the road

Signs – Cheryl Regan/Barry Wallace

We only have about \$100 for signs and the last pricing was \$84 per sign. We will probably purchase materials to redo the signs as they are replaced.

Snow/Sand – David Byer

Sand barrels for the 12 Ardentown locations have been delivered. The contract with Jim Burslem for snow removal has been signed, returned, and submitted to Barbara Mondzelewski for the payment of the \$500 retainer.

Town Watch – Holly Custer

Nothing to report.

SUNNYSIDE TRACT – Hardy Hoegger has retired. David Byer and Barbara Conway have agreed to be the point of contact. On November 11th, Steve Cohen, Alison Byer, Maura Lynch, and Barbara Conway walked the grounds and only found evidence of foot traffic. It does not appear that motorized vehicles have been on the property.

FAA LAWSUIT: Amy Pollock, Ardencroft, Steve Donato, and Mike Kelly, attorney. Ardentown has joined Arden, Ardencroft and nine other civic groups in the lawsuit pertaining to the air traffic noise from the Philadelphia airport. While the town agrees with the noise pollution, we will not commit to any financial obligations.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston reporting
New Leaseholders: **Angela Deppe** and her two children, Victor and Margot have moved into 1504 Valley Road. (Previously occupied by Sally Decker and Doris Boller)

Matt Zelaski is resident at 2313 East Mall while his house on Sconset Rd is being built.
Maura Lynch has moved into 2202 Sconset Road
Katherine La Fashia is the new resident at 2211 ½ Loreley Road
Lauren Burslem and her children have moved from 1707 Harvey. No one has moved in.
Kate Bartolo has moved from 231 Brae Road. House is presently unoccupied.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger reporting
We are pleased to advise the new plantings have survived.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling reporting
Nothing to report.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Fleming reporting
The Buzz Ware Community Center continues to increase its rentals and use by the 3 Ardens and outside members of the community. Many meetings and events are offered, so check out the Buzz Calendar and see what's happening on **TheArdens.com**.

We will be hosting a Fun Fundraiser on February 23, 2008. This will have a 'beachy' spring break theme with music, a silent *and* live auction.

There was a meeting on October 25th with an officer from the New Castle County Police and members of the Town Watch, Safety, Civic, and Buzz Ware committees to discuss the loitering problem around the Buzz and Gild Hall areas. This is an ongoing concern and solutions are in the works. The Buzz will be adding more lighting.

Any suggestions you may have for the Buzz are welcomed and appreciated, as well as your support and donations. We are looking for volunteers for the Fund Raider in February so please contact me or Willard Glenn.

Reminders: Memorial Reception for Donna Dreisbach on December 8th at 1pm
December 1st and 2nd – Silent Auction of Johanne Schroeder's art work

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS:

Steve Cohen gave a recap of how the three Ardens were working with New Castle County to make all existing multiple domiciles legal, non-conforming.

Steve read the The Village of Ardentown Town Meeting ~~Resolution~~ 2007-1 for the third time and it was unanimously approved. *Ordance*

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Alison Byer reporting

Shira Butt and Rebekah Byer will be participating in the Ardentown Internship.

Alison and Holly Custer recently attended a meeting at the BWVC concerning the recent incidents of local teens.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Nothing to report

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Steve Cohen

A contract has been signed and you will be seeing the "Your Speed Is" sign soon.

DelDot will reimburse the Ardens for this cost and the Town will not be liable for any damages. Enno Krebbers suggested the 3 Arden Public Works committees co-ordinate the placement of the signs.

The Comcast Franchise Agreement is complete. Basic TV and internet will be provided at the Gild Hall, BWVC, and the Craft Shop.

Steve also suggested the possibility of a Welcome sign be installed before Sconset in front of the power lines.

ELECTIONS:

Community Planning Committee: Elected for a 2 year term

Steve Cohen, Holly Custer, and Joan Fitzgerald. Holly will Chair the committee.

Town Chair: Alison Byer

Town Treasurer: Barbara Mondzelewski

Town Secretary: Joan Fitzgerald

ELECTIONS – February Archives (2); Memorial Gardens (2)


NEW BUSINESS:

Harry Themal thanked Steve Cohen for the job he had done as Town Chair. Appreciation was expressed and shared by everyone present.

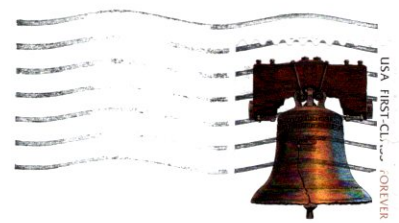
Elaine Schmerling thanked Barbara and Joan for their contributions.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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