

Village of Ardentown

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REGULAR TOWN MEETING

ALL RESIDENTS OF ARDENTOWN, INC.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1979

AT 8:00 P.M.

AT THE YWCA CARRAIGE HOUSE

AGENDA

Do We Need the Town Sprayed for Mosquitoes? Guest Speaker

How To Park Your Car in Winter George Kershaw

Elections for Committees : Candidates for

Budget Committee: Ms. Sally Decker Mr. Harry Rich

Registration : Ms. Pat Phillips

Other candidates will be posted on the bulletin board and announced at Town Meeting.

Regular Business

Note: Hans Francke is resigning as Chairman; the family is in the process of moving to Singapore for a few years. Richard Cherrin has agreed to be Acting Chairman until elections in November.

Mrs. Robert Verne
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MINUTES of the TOWN MEETING of the VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN, INC.

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The Town Chairperson opened the meeting, noting that a quorum was present. He stated that the regular order of the meeting would be followed, but would be interrupted when the invited guest speakers arrived.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

One change of residents was noted.

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Since the minutes of the previous Town Meeting had been reproduced and distributed to residents prior to this meeting, it was moved that the reading of those minutes be dispensed with. The minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The Town Secretary resigned; she has moved to New Jersey. Harlot Van Tine will fill the post until elections.
- B. The Town Chairperson resigned; he is moving to Singapore. Richard Cherrin will fill the post until elections.
- C. Letters received:
 1. Meeting Place. The Town Chairperson read a letter sent to the Trustees re the change from the Ware Gallery to the Y Carriage House (see attached). The YWCA was not paid after the May meeting. Mr. Lovett has said that the Trustees will not pay. The Town has taken the responsibility of paying this bill. The Robin Hood Directors say that the Ware Gallery is now available to the Town for meetings at no cost. There will be discussion of this matter later in this meeting.
 2. Liability with regard to playground equipment. The Town Chairperson read a letter to the Trustees discussing joint liability insurance. He read the answer from the Trustees, which was negative. This also will be discussed later in this meeting.

ARDENTOWN TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of this report from the Trustees were distributed. A question was raised about the gap between the prior report, ending 2/9/70, and the beginning of this one - 4/2/79.

ACTION: The Town Chairperson suggested that the Treasurer for the Trustees, Mrs. Verne, be asked about the discrepancy.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mosquito Control

Mr. Michael King, of the Mosquito Control Section of the State Division of Fish and Wildlife: Headquarters Milford, Sub-unit Bear, Delaware

Mr. King explained the Division's strategy and methods of control, and said that state policy is to encourage each community to decide upon the level of management the citizens desire. After discussion and questions, it was moved that Mr. King be authorized to conduct such tests as he thinks necessary, and inform the Town of results, and which controls would be recommended. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: It was suggested that the Town should have prior approval of the methods, and that Mr. King submit a plan in February for approval. A question was raised about the limits of the Town authority, and that the feelings of the Trustees should be considered. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion: Mr. King be authorized to conduct preliminary tests, form a program for mosquito control, submit the plan to the Trustees, wait for permission from the Trustees before proceeding with the program. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: If Mr. King will submit the program by the third week in October, the Trustees can discuss it during the winter. The motion was carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Winter

Mr. Wayne Kershaw

Mr. Kershaw spoke about the process and problems of plowing the Ardentown roads after snowfalls. The information and suggestions for ways in which the residents can co-operate with and assist in implementation of the process will be included with the invitation to the November Town Meeting which is sent to residents.

Special Problems:

1. The left side of the bottom of Sconset Rd. Parked cars leave no room for turning of snow-plowing equipment.

Motion: The Town write a letter to the owner of 2327 Sconset Rd. (Mrs. Senta Booze) suggesting she provide a parking place on her own land for the apartment dwellers, and that there be no parking at all in winter snow. Motion seconded.

Discussion: It was suggested that others who cause similar problems also receive such a letter.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

ACTION: The Civic Committee accepted the responsibility of Liason to co-ordinate snow-removal complaints.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed, and the Treasurer was thanked by the Town Chairperson for an excellent report.

BY-LAWS

Copies of the revised Town By-Laws had been distributed to residents with the invitation to this Town Meeting. Mrs. Ruth Cravetto was thanked by the Town Chairperson for her work in preparing the stencils for this distribution.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Harry Rich stated that this committee was prepared to make their report tonight. The feeling of the meeting was that the Townspeople would prefer to discuss the report in November as scheduled.

CIVIC COMMITTEE

A report was read by Mr. Peter Coburn (see attachment).

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. Wendy Barron gave the third reading of 75/2 Section 2 Amendment to Parking Ordinance, which gives the Town liberty to install No Parking signs. It was voted to carry this amendment as read.

ACTION: Ms. Barron was requested to type the Ordinance in amended form and give a copy to the Town Secretary.

Re-imbusement for Constables:

Motion: It was moved and seconded to re-imburse the Town Constables at the rate of 15¢/mile for use of personal car for patrolling. After discussion, the motion was carried.

A commendation of Mr. J. Buck for his efficient and professional service was made by the Town Chairperson.

ELECTIONS

A. Registration Committee

Ms. Pat Phillips was unanimously accepted as the new member of the Registration Committee.

B. Budget Committee

Ms. Sally Decker, Ms. Maureen Gordon, and Mr. Harry Rich were nominated for 2-year terms each. It was moved that nominations be closed, and the persons mentioned were unanimously elected.

ACTION: The Town Secretary was instructed to inform Ms. Gordon of her election.

ACTION: The Committee was instructed to find another candidate to fill the remaining open position.

Mrs. Harriot Van Tine was elected to fill the remaining term as Town Secretary until November elections.

Mr. Richard Cherrin was elected to fill the remaining term as Town Chairperson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Trustee Mr. Francis Burch

Mr. Richard Cherrin read and distributed copies of a portion of the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 25, 1971, which concerned Mr. Burch's nomination to be a Trustee of Ardentown.

Motion: The Town write a letter to Mr. Burch asking his intention regarding resignation. The motion was seconded, and after discussion, was carried.

B. Dangerous condition at Swiss Lane and Harvey Road

A suggestion was made to have weeds cut, and at Sconset-Harvey as well, and at the top of Brae Road.

ACTION: The Safety Committee will take this responsibility.

C. Liability Insurance

Ms. Barron read a petition that she had written, addressed to the Trustees.

Motion: That Ms. Barron's petition be sent as a letter from the Town Meeting to the Trustees. The motion was seconded, voted, and unanimously carried.

Motion: If the Trustees' answer is "No", the Town should purchase the Liability insurance independently of the Trustees. If "Yes", purchase the insurance jointly. The motion was seconded, voted, and carried.

D. Location of Town Meetings

The Town Chairperson stated the present position:

1. The Ware Gallery will now be available for no fee, according to the Directors of the Robin Hood Theatre.
2. The YWCA Carriage House fee will be \$180./year. Extra meetings would be included in this fee.

Motion: The Town Meeting should write to the Trustees, asking if they will pay the rent at the YWCA under a new contract; if they will not, the Town will pay the rent.

Discussion brought out that the Carriage House is capable of holding more people, encouraging attendance at Town Meetings, and that it is warmer in winter. The vote carried the motion.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF ARDENTOWN

Mr. Joseph Bell suggested that the Town thank the Town Chairperson, Mr. Hans Francke, and his family, for all the work and the good things they have done for the town. This feeling was registered by the applause of the residents present.

The meeting was closed.

Respectfully,

Harlot Van Tine