

# Village of Ardentown

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## NOTICE

### TOWN MEETING

AT THE CANDLELIGHT THEATRE  
(upstairs)

Monday, November 8, 1999

7:00 p.m.

### AGENDA (partial)

1. **ELECTIONS:** Town Officers -Chair  
(all three are a one -Secretary  
year term) -Treasurer
2. **HARVEY ROAD/VEALE ROAD INTERSECTION:**  
Open discussion

**NOTE:** The Ardentown Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. A combined meeting of Ardentown and Ardencroft will begin at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be limited to the intersection at Harvey Road and Veale Road. It will not cover other aspects of Harvey Road.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999, DAVID SCOTT, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett   | 21. Betty Ann Themal  |
| 2. David Scott           | 22. Joy Mulholland    |
| 3. Chris Cuttance        | 23. Pat Lane          |
| 4. Stef Lombardo         | 24. Harry Themal      |
| 5. Jim Ficca             | 25. John Brandner     |
| 6. Ray Lavoie            | 26. Jeffrey Politis   |
| 7. Robert Lockerman      | 27. Pamela Politis    |
| 8. Cheryl Regan          | 28. Robert DeNigris   |
| 9. Dotty Verne           | 29. Oliver Gutsche    |
| 10. Kate Bartolo         | 30. Annie Gutsche     |
| 11. Hardy Hoegger        | 31. William K. Murray |
| 12. Chris Coburn         | 32. Claudia Dwyer     |
| 13. Richard Mondzelewski | 33. Maureen Gordon    |
| 14. Doris J. Boller      | 34. David McClintock  |
| 15. Barbara Mondzelewski | 35. Lesley Holden     |
| 16. Pat Phillips         | 36. Marcy Resnick     |
| 17. Mary Ann Nelson      | 37. Janet Cosgrove    |
| 18. Page W. Dwyer        | 38. Katrina Nelson    |
| 19. Sarah Coburn         |                       |
| 20. Art Cohen            |                       |

**COMMUNICATIONS:** David Scott, Chair

1. We received a thank you from ACRA for the contribution the Town made.
2. David received a letter from David McClintock regarding the arrows that were painted on the roads. David Scott responded to the letter.
3. David wrote to the chief of the fire company regarding the arrows that were painted on our roads and he also wrote to other individuals regarding this situation.
4. David received a letter from Wayne Smith, State Rep, regarding the air traffic over north Wilmington and what will be done about it. (A study is in the works.)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes were unanimously approved as revised. Harry Themal noted that he was not present as was quoted under the Trustees' Report.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** Dotty Verne

1. New residents Jeff and Pam Politis moved into 1517 Appletree Lane. Chris and Hiroko Braddock and Maggie

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Messinger have moved out of Town.

2. New residents Paul and Leota Maichle moved into 1508 The Mall. Christopher Lane has moved out of Town.

Dotty noted that you have to reside in the Village of Ardentown for **at least six months** before you can vote at Town Meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking: \$222.23

Savings: \$24,374.38

Municipal Street Aid: \$4,165.58

Total Funds Available: \$28,762.19

Barbara motioned that we move \$15,000.00 to the Arden Building and Loan. Jack Brandner felt that this did not need to be handled at the Town Meeting but could go through the Co-ordinating Committee Meeting. Jack asked that we amend the motion to whatever amount the Treasurer feels is OK. Several people felt that this should go through the Town Meeting and the amendment to the motion was not carried. The motion, as proposed by Barbara, was unanimously passed.

**ELECTIONS:** (from May when no quorum was present)

**CIVIC COMMITTEE:** (Four members needed for a two year term) Page Dwyer, Stefanie Lombardo and Kate Bartolo were unanimously elected. Cheryl Regan joins as an Ad Hoc member.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** (Three members needed for a one year term) Lee Till and Marylou Kime were unanimously elected. One more member is needed.

(from September)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** (Three members needed for a two year term) Hans Franke, Betty Ann Themal and Barbara Mondzelewski were unanimously elected.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** (One member needed for a two year term) Dotty Verne was unanimously elected.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE:** Doris Boller was unanimously elected for fill the term of Terry Hansen.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Due in September each year  
No report available at this time.

**CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORT:** Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Bob Osborne will replace boards on bridge by Nelsons.
2. A few small pot holes may need to be fixed.
3. Page spoke about putting wood chips on paths. David McClintock suggested paving the paths or something that would make the paths more usable and less of a maintenance issue. Pat Lane suggested we stone the paths. David

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wants to know if the Trustees would be opened to this. Bob DeNigris said yes. Hardy said the Civic Com. is working on some paths. David McC also noted that funds may be available for improvement of the paths.

4. A few old rusty signs may be replaced with new ones.
5. Page noted that the Civ. Com. would like to stockpile some road signs for emergencies and construct some movable bases. Page does not want to wait on DelDot. She thanked everyone who helped with the signs during the Veale/Harvey construction this summer. Page and Chris Coburn noted that signs put up by the Civ. Com. must stay up and taking them down is a crime.
6. Page suggested raising some of the curb stones along some of the roads. Barbara suggested Page gets some prices for the November Meeting for our consideration.

**HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE:** David Scott

David said people during the construction on Veale/Harvey were very cooperative. Next year, construction on I95 will probably affect us. David noted we cannot close our roads because we accept funds to maintain them. David said we can make the traffic flow however we want. David noted that the Veale/Harvey project was NOT part of the Traffic Calming effort. Pat Lane noted that the "bricks" are noisy and she has noticed skid marks and is concerned about our future plans. Pat feels we should rethink our road plans and use a more practical surface material. It was noted that the final decision of what is used on the road is DelDot's choice. David McC said the speed people go through the intersection is too high and that is why we hear noises. Janet Cosgrove said she is very offended by the noise that the "bricks" make. She feels that her quality of life has been badly affected. Hardy Hoegger also feels this way. Hardy suggested paving in the grooves to help control the noise. Jack suggested that the three Ardens join together to hire off duty police. David said it was suggested to have a series of traffic lights. David feels this is a very important issue and he suggests we have a special meeting with all three Ardens. David said we could pass a motion to send to DelDot. Janet Cosgrove motioned that DelDot resurface or return to original condition the Veale/Harvey Road intersection so that it is not noisy. The vote was 8 yes and 24 no. Jack Brandner spoke against the motion. He is concerned about a hump. Harry asked that we ask DelDot what they can do to reduce the noise so we maintain a good relationship with DelDot. Chris Cuttance feels we should be careful of how we proceed. Stefanie Lombardo noted her concern about this project being experimental. Hardy feels that our relationship with DelDot is important and we do not want to jeopardize it.

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Harry Themal made the following motion: In view of the fact that the experimental project (at Harvey/Veale Roads) has given us new problems, particularly in regards to noise and safety, and has not succeeded in slowing down traffic, the Village of Ardentown at the September 13, 1999 Town Meeting, asks DelDot to come to our next Town Meeting (November 8, 1999) with recommendations on how to improve the situation. The motion was unanimously passed.

David Scott suggested we have a special meeting to address this. Janet said only two Villages should be involved. David S. said this is a public meeting and we could not exclude anyone. Page said she would be against excluding Arden. Chris Coburn motioned we have a communication meeting and then do our voting at the November Town Meeting. This was passed 35 yes to 1 no.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Harry Themal and Bob DeNigris

1. Harry reported that Mark Roth, who is interested in buying Ingleside, has not gone to settlement yet. Our lawyer has put together these terms:

- a. Roth will pay any additional taxes imposed as a result of changing from a nonprofit to a profit
  - b. Lease says the facility must continue to be used "for the care of infirm patients". Farmhouse and carriage house can only be used for his business of consulting services for continuing care, no more than 20 employees at one time and no more than 10 parking spaces set aside for that purpose
  - c. Can make NO alterations or additions without trustees' consent, has to have liability insurance, limit size of signs in keeping with the historic character of the Village
  - d. Still pending is a historic overlay for adaptive reuse
- David Scott suggested we establish a liaison with Mark Roth.

2. Harry said someone is dumping behind the Candlelight. Harry said if we see anyone get the license number and report it to Harry.
3. Harry asked the tree trimmers to STOP. Harry said Connectiv is willing to plant trees, i.e. dogwoods, that will not grow straight up. Mary Ann Nelson does not agree. Stefanie Lombardo is also concerned. Mary Ann hopes that Connectiv will put lines underground. David McC enjoys the shade of the big trees. Hardy suggested an information meeting. David S. said perhaps we could get a Connectiv Rep for the next meeting.
4. Bob DeNigris said the Georgist Gild wants to place a bench in Ardentown as a gift from the Gild in memory of Henry George.

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**MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE:** Jack Brandner

Jack announced that Rusty Hoegger is the new chair of the committee. Jack also noted that some plants died in the drought.

**SUNNYSIDE REPORT:** Chris Coburn

Chris said Denrec walked through the area but has not given us a report. Chris is looking for people to help with a fall trash cleanup.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Trustees gave permission to have a campfire/sleepover on the Pettit Green
2. David Scott asked Chris Coburn to be our Safety Director with the fire department and police.
3. David Scott asked that we send a rep to the Civic Committee of the Brandywine Hundred (CCOBH). This group has some punch and we need to participate.
4. Thanks to Chris Coburn for the plexiglass on the bulletin board.
5. David S. feels we should be a member of the League of Local Governments. David motioned we join this League for \$300.00 per year. The motion was unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett  
Secretary