

Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

TOWN MEETING

at the Candlelight Theatre
(downstairs)

Monday, November 13, 2000
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA (partial)

1. **ELECTIONS:** Town Officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
1 year term

Registration Committee: 2 members; 2 year
term

Civic Committee: 2 members to fill vacancies

Audit Committee: 1 member to fill vacancy
2. "Omni Point" Communication Tower: Possible installation
120 feet tower; open
discussion
3. Audit Committee Report
4. Arden Archives: Aaron Hamburger, Arden Trustee,
discussion of Ardentown's possible role
in new Arden Archives. Open
discussion.

Please plan to attend!!!

SUNNYSIDE CLEAN UP!!! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2000

There will be a clean up of the Sunnyside tract on Sunday, November 12, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. Please meet at the bottom (dead end) of Sconset Road. Remember to wear sturdy shoes and gloves. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Coburn, Steward of Sunnyside, at 475-5832.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2000, DAVID SCOTT, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

1. Lisa Wilson Riblett
2. Hardy Hoegger
3. Page Dwyer
4. Lisbeth Solway Smith
5. David Scott
6. Cheryl Regan
7. Rusty Hoegger
8. Shari Phalan
9. Doris Boller
10. Sally Decker
11. Ray Lavoie
12. Robert Custer
13. Joy Mulholland
14. Kurt Johnson (8/00)
15. Chris Coburn
16. Sarah Coburn
17. Lesley Holden

18. Jerry Robertson
19. Mac MacRobertson
20. Oliver Gutsche
21. Janet Cosgrove
22. Mary Ann Nelson
23. Katrina Nelson
24. Richard Mondzelewski
25. Barbara Mondzelewski
26. Ted Tomasi
27. John Brandner
28. Pat Phillips
29. Bob DeNigris

Others in attendance:

1. Frank Akutowicz, Arden
2. Robin Bodo, State Historic Preservation Office

INTRODUCTIONS: Bob DeNigris, Trustee

Bob welcomed and introduced the two new owners of the Candlelight Theatre, Kathleen Nadolny and Ennio diGenova. Kathleen and Ennio said they will continue to focus on the fine tradition of dinner theatre that John and Lena O'Toole started. Everyone expressed their gratitude to the O'Tooles for their years of service to our community. Kathleen noted that tickets are now available to be purchased with credit cards and on-line.

David Scott, Chair

David introduced Frank Akutowicz of Arden. Frank noted that traffic has been greatly diminished on Harvey Road during the closing of the I95 ramps at Harvey Road. Frank has prepared a petition for Wilmapco and Deldot requesting a formal study to examine closing down the I95/Harvey Road on ramps. Ardentown residents were asked to sign in support of the study. David noted that this is not an endorsement by Ardentown and that it is a personal choice if you wish to sign.

COMMUNICATIONS: David Scott, Chair

David noted that he had received a letter from **Wayne Smith, State Rep**, saying we are to receive \$8,000.00 for Town road improvements paid on a reimbursement basis.

David received a letter from **Bernard J. Brady, Secretary of the Senate**, stating that "the State of Delaware condemns the practice of using the enforcement of traffic laws for the primary purpose of raising revenue".

David noted that we have received a letter from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency** noting floodplain management measures.

David noted a flyer we received from Delaware Emergency Management Agency on "**How to prepare for a Hurricane**". This document is on file with the Town Secretary if anyone would like to read it.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Lisa Wilson Riblett for Dotty Verne Leasehold/resident change: From Anthony Martinelli to Matthew Zalaski, 2312 Sconset Road.

Resident changes: Jeff & Pam Politis moved out of 1517 Appletree and new residents are Mary Linguist and Kurt Johnson. Lynsey Richardson moved to 2303 East Mall, Jim Phillips moved to 2232 Marsh Road, Maya Contractor and Marley Howe moved to 1603 Millers Road, Claudia Dwyer and Emily Ochert moved out of 2303 Loreley Road.

Name Change: From Christopher & Hope Zucker to Hope Zucker at 2316 Sconset Road.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes for May and September were unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking Account: \$696.69
Savings: \$4,218.70
Municipal Street Aid: \$12,782.59
Arden Building & Loan: \$29,575.95
Total Funds Available: \$47,282.93

ELECTIONS: From May:

Civic Committee: Cheryl Regan and Hardy Hoegger were unanimously re-elected for a two year term.

Audit Committee: Lesley Holden was unanimously elected for a one year term.

From September:

Budget/Assessment Committee: Betty Solway Smith and Jack Brandner were unanimously re-elected for a two year term.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Bob DeNigris

Bob spoke about the new stone bench on the Ardentown Commons in celebration of the Arden Centennial. Bob said Stefanie Lombardo and Page Dwyer will landscape around the bench. Bob lead a discussion to consider changing the name of the Ardentown Commons to "The Henry George Memorial Green". After a short discussion, the Town assembly encouraged Bob to make a motion. Bob motioned that the Ardentown Commons that holds the Henry George Memorial bench be renamed "The Henry George Memorial Green". The motion was unanimously passed. Bob will write an announcement for the Arden Page and look into getting a sign like the one on the Pettit Green.

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT: Rusty Hoegger, Chair

Rusty is looking into the expense and feasibility of adding a water supply to the Garden.

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Page Dwyer, Chair

Hardy Hoegger reported that the Civic Com. wants to work on the footpath from the Ardentown Circle through all of Ardentown that parallels Harvey Road. Hardy said Ed Satinover wants to donate a gazebo near the circle.

Page saw a road sign during her recent trip in Europe that said "Change Priorities Ahead" and she jokingly noted that maybe we should consider getting one.

Page said Deldot is trying to get something going on the guard rail at Harvey and Sconset again. Page would like it to be replaced with something other than a large metal band fence. Page noted Wilmington Montesorri School has a split rail fence. David is drafting a letter to Deldot regarding this long problem. Page contacted Linda Zankowski, the new Head of School at Wilm. Montesorri, to ask her support. Page also asked for two walk buttons to be installed at the Harvey and Sconset Road light.

Page said we did not spend any money on roads last year so Civic Com. would like approval to do \$25,965 worth of road repairs which would include the Sconset Road ramp. Financially, we should be able to do this. Work would be done this Fall.

New road signs will be installed soon with wood posts instead of metal.

Civic Com. is presently reviewing the snow removal contract.

Page found out that the blue sand barrels are free from Deldot. This is a "do it yourself" service. Page is open to

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suggestions as to where to put them.

Page said Wayne Knotts gave her a bid of \$740.00 to extend the pipe at the bottom of Woodland to help relieve the flooding/freezing in Winter. Page will continue to work on this project.

SUNNYSIDE REPORT: Chris Coburn, Steward

Chris said he would like to organize a clean up during the second weekend in November. David encourages everyone to come out and help because it is our land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shari Phalan asked if we remembered four years ago when we started to pursue getting accepted on the National Register of Historic Places. She noted we are getting closer to that goal. Shari noted that Robin Bodo of the State Historic Preservation Office was here to answer any questions. Rusty asked about getting a national historic sign like the one in Arden. Robin said we would have to pursue that separately. Bob DeNigris said he hoped we would support this because he felt it was a positive venture. Jack Brandner said he hoped it would give us some leverage with Deldot regarding protection of our trees. Shari motioned that "the Ardentown assembly support the creation of a historic district that lists all three Ardens on the National Register". The motion was unanimously passed. Shari was applauded for her long hard work on this very important project.

Bob DeNigris, Trustee, said several people around Town have been contacted by a resident who was concerned about people parking on the Pettit Green. Bob said we all have use of the common lands. Bob does not feel this is a problem when it is done occasionally. Big events are approved by the Trustees before the event i.e. bonfires, Arden School Reunion Party. The Trustees feel an occasional use is fine and does not require prior approval and the Trustees are not in favor of any formal rules. Mary Ann Nelson felt rules can be a hindrance. She explained that she has seen parking on East Mall whenever the road was blocked for any reason and that she would not want to go through any formal process to park there on occasion. Jack Brandner said he agrees and feels we have enough rules. Betty Solway Smith said she has lived here for 54 years and has never heard such a complaint before. She felt we should live and let live. Page felt we do not have a big enough problem to try to solve it. Bob said while Sconset ramp is being repaired, those affected can park on the triangle at Sconset. Page will contact those affected when it come time. Chris Coburn noted that years ago it was OK to park on the Greens during snow storms but park in such a manner as to not block snow plows.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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 typed name.

Lisa Wilson Riblett
Secretary

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