

Village of Ardentown

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Notice

**Ardentown Town Meeting
at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre**

**Monday, November 10, 2003
7:30 P.M.**

Agenda (partial)

- 1. Elections: Town Officers (Town Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
1 year term**

**Community Planning Committee: (first election of this
Committee)**

**5 members; 3 for odd years; 2 for even years
(the 2 people elected for even years will need to serve
an initial term of 3 years)**

- 2. Signage for Handicapped Parking Ordinance – First Reading:
Steve Cohen, Public Work Chair**
- 3. Open discussion on Financially Supporting Arden's Purchase of the
Avery Property**

Please mark your calendars for this date!

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**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003, OLIVER
GUTSCHE, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

In attendance were:

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| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 21. Joy Mulholland |
| 2. G. L. Johnston | 22. Enno Krebbers |
| 3. Sheila Johnston | 23. Maureen Gordon |
| 4. Richard Mondzelewski | 24. Cindy Cohen |
| 5. Cheryl Regan | 25. Dotty Vern |
| 6. Steve Cohen | 26. Holly O'Brien Coe |
| 7. Barbara Mondzelewski | 27. Marguerite Archer |
| 8. Drew Hansen | 28. Annie Gutsche |
| 9. Terri Hansen | 29. Oliver Gutsche |
| 10. David Scott | 30. Betty Solway Smith |
| 11. Alison Byer | 31. Pat Phillips |
| 12. Harry Thernal | 32. Jerome Bischoff |
| 13. Betty Ann Thernal | 33. Elaine Schmerling |
| 14. Lesley Holden | |
| 15. Jerry Robertson | |
| 16. Mary Ann Nelson | |
| 17. Janet Cosgrove | |
| 18. Robert DeNigris | |
| 19. Sally Decker | |
| 20. Beverly Fleming | |

Non-Residents:

1. Beverly S. Barnett
2. Lynda Kolski
3. Steven Threefoot
4. Bob Pollock

Presentation: HRTCC – Enno Krebbers

Enno gave a presentation which included many display boards that showed changes to the roadway and immediate surroundings envisioned in the traffic calming plan. A complete report of this presentation is on file with the Secretary for anyone who would like to read it. This presentation concluded with the people at the Ardentown Town Meeting unanimously approving "to move that the Assembly of Ardentown, together with the Villages of Arden and Ardencroft, approve the three recommendations of the Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee".

Harry Thernal asked that Enno Krebbers be recognized for his years of hard work and numerous hours on this project.

Presentation: Avery Property – Steve Threefoot

Steve reported that Arden now has a signed contract for the Avery Property. The final negotiations are being led by Lynda Kolski. The cost of this transaction is \$870,000 which includes \$850,000 for land and \$20,000 for legal fees. The monies are from various means and sources. This transaction has been seven years in the making. Arden does not want more development and wants this property to remain natural.

Steve wanted to highlight how Ardentown can help. He asked that we verbally support this purchase. He noted that word of mouth is very important and asked that we talk it up. Also, he encouraged Ardentown (and Ardencroft) to consider donating monies to help purchase this property.

Steve said that he hopes at the November Ardentown Meeting that a decision will be agreed upon to donate money to the Avery Property Project. He noted that pledges are also acceptable with payment later.

Communications: Oliver Gutsche, Chair

1. Oliver reported receiving \$8,000 from Wayne Smith to support our transportation expenses.
2. On September 12, there will be a school bus meeting. Please contact Oliver if you would like more details.

Registration Committee: Maureen Gordon

1. New resident: Marty Haloda, 1508 The Mall
2. Leasehold Changes: From the estate of Ruth Jaroslow and Joseph Smith to Lisbeth Solway Smith and Robert Solway; From the estate of Kathryn Downs to Kathryn Erisman; From William and Delia Berry to William Berry, Jr.; From Evelyn Porcelli trust to James C. Phillips; From Christopher and Susan Cuttance to Aileen Flannery and Ronald Nair.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking Account: \$593.85
Savings Account: \$8,528.35
Municipal Street Aid: \$16,345.45
Arden Bldg. & Loan: \$39,165.86
Total Funds Available: \$64,633.51

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

Elections:

Budget/Assessment Committee: Hans Franke, Barbara Mondzelewski, and Betty Ann Themal were all unanimously re-elected for another two year term.

Registration Committee: Dotty Verne was unanimously re-elected for another two year term.

Public Works and Safety Committee: Drew Hansen was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Audit Committee Report: Steve Cohen, Chair

Steve reported that "both sets of financial records (Ardentown Trustees and the Village of Ardentown) passed the audit with no discrepancies found. All of the income and expenditures for the past 12 months were reviewed along with the accompanying bank statements". This report is on file with the Secretary for anyone who would like to read it.

Trustees' Report: Bob DeNigris, Harry Themal

Bob reported that major repairs have been completed on the Candlelight. These include window work, gutter work, roof work, security work which includes new lighting that trips by motion, and painting. Bob hopes the repairs will last for the next 20 to 30 years or so.

Harry reported that the Omni Point Tower vote in Arden was defeated 29 to 27. Oliver asked if it is something we would consider as it pays \$1,200/month. Harry said we don't have a place for it. Harry reminded us that it is 150' tall.

Public Works and Safety Committee: Steve Cohen, Chair

1. Steve reported that the town bulletin board which was vandalized on July 7 has been repaired.

2. Wood road signs are being hand painted for better visibility by volunteers. Supplies are available from Cheryl if you would like to adopt a sign.

3. Hardy Hoegger has prepared a report on paths which is on file with the Secretary if anyone would like to read it. It documents many projects which have been completed over the past years. It was noted that these projects will need to be revisited.

4. Steve is preparing to send out specs for bids for a big road project on Sconset and a smaller project on Millers. Steve spoke of the complexity of the Sconset Road project especially water drainage problems and said it will be a very expensive project.

Buzz Ware Village Center Report: Marguerite Archer (summary)

1. Marguerite thanked the Trustees of Ardentown for their donation of \$500.

2. At the end of the ACRA Summer Camp, a plaque was presented on behalf of Tom and Joan Ware Colgan's role in establishing ACRA.

3. Repairs to the flat roof over boys' bathroom and archives has been completed.

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- 4. Painting parties were recently held to work on rooms 1 and 2 and hallway.**
- 5. Bathroom renovations are scheduled.**
- 6. Room 4 will be unavailable for 2-3 months due to entrance door project.**
- 7. Coffee House season kicks off 9/12/03.**
- 8. BWVC Committee meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. – all are welcome.**

Playground Committee: Elaine Schmerling

- 1. Hal Godwin has cleaned weeds out and area is looking much better.**
- 2. Bench is in.**
- 3. Tether ball has been cut.**
- 4. Native plants/trees needed for around the stream.**

Elaine submitted a sketch of plantings which is on file with the Secretary for anyone who would like to see it.

Town Watch: Cindy Cohen

- 1. Cindy reported that Betty O'Regan is heading the Town Watch Program.**
- 2. You can now sign-up to do a watch on-line.**
- 3. Cindy encouraged everyone to help by signing up for a two-hour patrol.**

Old Business:

It was announced that copies of the updated By-Laws were available at this meeting. Also, the Secretary has a copy on file.

New Business:

- 1. Thanks were extended to Cindy for her hard work on the Arden Fair.**
- 2. Betty Ann said to call her if you need a recycling tub.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



**Lisa Wilson Riblett
Secretary**

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