

Sept 2005
minutes

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NOTICE

Ardentown Town Meeting
at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, November 14, 2005
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA (partial)

1. Elections: Town Officers - Town Chair, Town Secretary, Town Treasurer; 1 year term

Community Planning Committee: 3 Members; 2 year terms

2. Last reading and approval of the requested Variance to an Ordinance by The New Candlelight Theatre.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005,
STEVE COHEN PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Steve R. Cohen | 18. Holly Custer |
| 2. Enno Krebbers | 19. Sheila Johnston |
| 3. Dotty Verne | 20. Hans Francke |
| 4. Betty Solway Smith | 21. Hetty Francke |
| 5. Barbara Conway | 22. Betty Ann Themal |
| 6. Jean Smolens | 23. Harry Themal |
| 7. Pat Lane | 24. Robert DeNigris |
| 8. Barbara Mondzelewski | 25. Joy Mulholland |
| 9. Drew Hansen | 26. Alison Byer |
| 10. Terri Hansen | 27. Sally Decker |
| 11. Mary Ann Nelson | 28. Cindy Cohen |
| 12. Cheryl Regan | 29. |
| 13. Rusty Hoegger | |
| 14. Hardy Hoegger | Guests: |
| 15. Gil Johnston | 1. Corporal Amy Kevis, N.C.C. Police |
| 16. David Scott | 2. Bob Pollock, Ardencroft |
| 17. Marguerite Archer | 3. Bob Miller, Candlelight Theatre |

PRESENTATION: Corporal Amy Kevis representing the New Castle County Police spoke to the attendees about the recent thefts and vandalism in the Ardens. There were 3 arrests pertaining to the homeless man living under the bridge in Ardentown and on the Montessori property.

There was a lot of discussion about what to do if we see anything questionable in the village. Call 911 for emergencies or call 573-2300 for NON-emergencies. Most of the reports are what she called non serious such as disorderly conduct or dogs barking. If you have a complaint and call the police, follow up with another call if they don't come.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston, Chair

New Residents:

Sam Myoda	2305 Brae Road
Erin O'Neill	2304 Loreley Lane
Frances Halderman/Jeffrey Meyers	2304 East Mall
Eric Weiss/Heather Le Court	1519 Woodland Road
Raye Connor	2319 Brae Road

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Checking:	\$ 559.42
Savings:	4,198.38
Municipal Street Aid:	11,759.83
Arden Building & Loan:	20,234.48
Total funds available:	\$36,752.24
Expenses:	\$ 4,241.24

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

The minutes and treasurer's reports were unanimously approved.

ELECTIONS:

Registration Committee: Alison Byer was elected to a 2 year term.

Budget Assessment Committee: Betty Ann Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski were elected to another 2 year term.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The books of the Town Treasurer for the period July 2004-June 2005 were audited. This covers: Municipal Street Aid Account

Combined Checking and Savings Accounts

Arden Building and Loan Account

The accounts were found to be in good order as were the the books of The Trustees for the same calendar year. The Committee made suggestions and comments to improve consistency and efficiency of the auditing procedure. Details on these can be reviewed by contacting the Committee or the Town Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Nelson, Chair
 Mary Ann Nelson: Downing is being contacted about road repairs to be done in October.

We will follow up on getting sand barrels from the county for snowy days. The plan is to place them at the top and bottom of the Woodland slope, the bottom of Brae, top and midway on Sconset, bottom of East Mall, Appletree. Signs that had been knocked down were replaced on East Mall, Brae and Springhouse Lane. Bulletin board is being repaired.

Things are progressing with the composting grant. The fence was repaired and secured with a lock. The Candlelight installed a motion activated light. Brian O'Neill of Weeds, Inc. treated the area to kill invasives.

On August 27th and 28th, Hetty Francke was joined by Eagle Scout, Tom Bound in leading a group of Boy Scouts to construct the Compost Demonstration Site. Over 20 people from Ardentown stopped by to observe, encourage and thank them. 42 volunteers worked 19 hours on this project.

The other part of the project will be bins for town leaves and wood chips.

All residents, including children, of the three Ardens are invited to the Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies of the newly built "Arden Composting Site" scheduled for Saturday, November 5th at 10 A.M.

Details in the October issue of the "Page".

Elaine Schmerling: A "Hazard Mitigation Grant" for the 3 Ardens under the National Fire Protection Plan has been executed. Ardentown has had about 2-1/2 acres in the Glen sprayed by Weeds Inc. The ivy is wilted and the trees look good. The real results will be in the Spring.

The cutting of the Norways will continue through December.

Conectiv did not treat the invasives along the ROW...with the change in company, Delmarva is in the process of hiring new foresters. They anticipate spraying invasives within 2 ½ years.

They do have plans to have trees that we ordered delivered in late September and are checking if crews can help with the planting.

They will try to send someone out to remove brush piles behind a leasehold on Sconset that someone has complained about. If anyone else has excessively large brush piles behind your house from Conectiv's cutting last year that you would like hauled away call Elaine Schmerling.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: Rusty Hoegger, Chair
A request was made for donations that are tax deductible to the Memorial Garden to help maintain the grounds.

PLAYGROUND REPORT: No report.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Marguerite Archer
Beverly Fleming will double up on her duties as Building Manager and the representative from Ardentown to their meetings. Mary Ann Nelson will also continue to be a representative. Rates for rental of the Buzz are being raised.

Many thanks to Marguerite Archer for her five years of generous service to the BWVC.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE: Enno Krebbers
The tree sculpture will be put at both ends of the Ardens on Harvey Road. The first line will be "The Ardens"; the second line will be "You are welcome hither". On the reverse of both signs, seen by drivers leaving the Ardens will be "If we do meet again why we shall smile".

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Alison Byers
The committee is thinking of ways to get the teenage children in town involved in community projects.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Bob DeNigris, Harry Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski

The school taxes will be increased 11% this year resulting in an increase in Land Rent.

The New Candlelight Theatre has plans for 6 Halloween shows and a New Years Eve show that will involve serving alcohol after 10 P.M. and for the following years just for those special evenings. Bob Miller asked for a Variance to the Ordinance which prohibits alcohol served after 10 P.M. He read the Variance and will read it at the next meeting in November according to our By-Laws. The Variance makes the request and states that "they understand the reasons and need for said ordinance - and promise to provide

onsite police monitoring, as well as in-house security to avoid any unpleasant occurrences.”

There are two new ordinances coming out. One is that rental property will be randomly inspected each year in keeping with “Rental Rights Guide”. The other states that if a house burns down in The Ardens, it can be rebuilt if it dates back before 1954 without County approval.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Steve Cohen

Reviewed FEMA Flood Plain, drawing involves 2 houses and 2 structures in Ardentown.

Received a “Road Side Vegetation” book that anyone who is interested can borrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Cohen: Thanks to everyone involved in making the 2005 Arden Fair such a success.

Betty Solway Smith: The Arden residents will see “Do Patten Leather Shoes Really Shine Up” at the New Candlelight Theatre on October 23, 2005

David Scott gave an invitation to a memorial gathering to honor Leslie Holden in her garden.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Verne
Secretary