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Village of Ardentown

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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

**Monday, November 12, 2007
7:30 pm**

AGENDA (partial)

1. Elections: Town Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
1 year term

Community Planning Committee:
3 members, 2 year term
2. Vote on the Multiple Domiciles Ordinance
Village of Ardentown Ordinance 2007-01
3. Committee Reports

A quorum is needed at the town meeting, please come!

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:40 pm on Monday, September 10, 2007. Steve Cohen, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

Attendance

1. Steve Cohen
2. Rusty Hoegger
3. Hardy Hoegger
4. Kate O'Grady
5. Dorothy Dixon
6. Robert DeNigris
7. David Scott
8. Cheryl Regan
9. Rosalyn Skinner
10. Dorothy Verne
11. Barbara Mondzelewski
12. Ben Riblett
13. Amber Riblett
14. Pat Lane
15. Alison Byer
16. Janet Cosgrove
17. Sandy Landerl
18. Cindy Cohen
19. Betty Ann Themal
20. Harry Themal
21. Hans Francke
22. Drew Hansen
23. Oliver Gutsche
24. Sharon Kleban
25. Joy Mulholland
26. Robert Miller
27. Sheila Johnston
28. Gil Johnston
29. Elaine Schmerling
30. Warren Butt
31. Joan Fitzgerald
32. Michael Lovett for Carol Lovett
33. Kan Nobuta
34. Mayumi Nakano

Guest: John Cartier, County Council
Ray Seigfried, Arden ADUs
Tom Wheeler, Arden

MEETING: Regular meeting called to order by Steve Cohen, Town Chair.

MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts:	\$17,977.10
Municipal Street Aid:	12,357.92
Arden Building & Loan:	<u>21,954.98</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$52,290.00

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Hans Francke reporting.

The financial books for 2006 of Ardentown Treasurer and Ardentown Trustees were audited.

The Treasurer keeps three accounts: Custom Checking Account, Business Money Market Account, and Government Savings Account (Municipal Street Aid). All accounts were all found to be in good order. One check, #446 was missing.

The Trust keeps five accounts: Business Checking, Money Market, Naamans Creek Sewer Account-for specific expenses, and Robin Hood Accounts; Total Banking and Plus Account.

All accounts were found in good order. In the Business and Money Market account a discrepancy of \$75 was observed. Robin Hood Account – it is suggested that returned checks be attached to the bank statements.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Byer, Holly Custer, and Hans Francke

REGISTRATION REPORT: Sheila Johnston reporting

New Leaseholders: Angela Cichetti Deppe -1504 Valley Road

New Residents: Keith Riegel - 1508 The Mall
Hal Goodwin, Jr. has moved to 2303 East Mall.
Kan Nobuta and Mayumi Nakano - 2305 Brae Road

Marie Pollock has moved out of 2202 Sconset Road
Ashley Lockerman died at home on September 7th. Our sympathy to Bob and Mary.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger reporting

East Gate has been replaced along with some fence railing.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Elaine Schmerling reporting

Annie Gutsche and Elaine performed a Playground inspection on July 22nd and everything looked in order. Budget of \$200 was spent on playground chips under the equipment and trimming of the weeds along the street. Candlelight staff trimmed weeds along the building side.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER REPORT: Beverley Fleming had to attend

ACRA Board Meeting. Report read by Joan Fitzgerald

The New Roof is on and an additional small roof will be constructed over front door. We have updated to code the electric and added outside outlets for the use of Arden Club for the Arden Fair. Another timed flood light will be added to the corner in the front for security and safety purposes.

We are presently getting bids for the windows to be replaced as well as more efficient gutters. We hope to have these replaced in late spring 2008. Budget will probably allow only for front window replacement.

The Giant Step Program for preschoolers in Room 2 is returning for the 2007-2008 school year, and we have new long term renters as well – a Yoga class and concert group. The Coffeehouse continues with the first one on Friday, October 2nd. The BWVC appreciates your donations.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS:

Steve Cohen gave a recap of how the three Ardens were working with New Castle County to make all existing multiple domiciles legal, non-conforming. Steve read The Village of Ardentown Town Meeting Resolution 2007-1 and it was approved. It was felt by many that the first letter mailed in August may not have given Leaseholders enough notice to reply back their desire to have their ADU added to the list. Another letter of notification will be mailed again in September to all Leaseholders with a return date back to the Town Secretary of November 1, 2007.

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Alison Byer reporting

We are looking for 1 or 2 interns for Ardentown Internship. Applications are available from Alison.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT: Pat Lane

Roads – Drew Hansen

A walk thru is planned for later this month to identify the necessary road repairs. There is a pothole at the intersection of Millers Rd and The Mall and another on Sconset in front of the Byer's home. United Water is replacing some of the water lines in parts of Arden and Ardentown. We have joined with Arden in issuing a Permit to United Water for the required work. Swiss Lane and Loreley Rd between Harvey and Millers are the affected areas in Ardentown. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin September 10th.

Signs – Cheryl Regan/Barry Wallace

12 of the wooden road signs have been painted and reflective glass bead added. DelDot was called the second week of August to trim the embankment on Harvey Rd – they have not come out yet.

Snow/Sand – David Byer

The application for the Sand Barrels has been requested and will be completed upon receipt.

Town Watch – Holly Cluster

All has been peaceful this summer.

Forestry Grants – Elaine Schmerling

We did not get the Urban Forestry grants this year. This will give us more time to finalize our tree-planting plans for the greens and reapply next year. Approximately half of the dogwoods planted last year survived.

CEPF Grant – We did get reimbursed for ALL our planting expenses this spring. We still have a little left on the CEPF grant, for one more day of Norway cutting and the Forest Assessment work with the botanist. The Singles Volunteer Network of Greater Wilmington has agreed to come back one day this fall and assist with the Norway pulling.

Compost Area – Hal Goodwin trimmed the weeds and spread 3 tons of stone in the entranceway and is building a new gate. Hetty Francke and Pat Lane planted evergreen cover along the fence of the compost area behind the Dinner Theater. The plants were

donated by the Univ. of Delaware. Also, Hetty was able to get volunteers from the Univ. of Delaware students to clean up the teaching area of the compost.

Paths – Hal is working on the paths, we have a little extra state money. If you see a path that needs work, please let Elaine know.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT: Nothing to report

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Steve Cohen

Arden Fair – Special *Thank you* to Cindy Cohen on organizing our 100th year fair.

2010 Census is now being conducted

Sunnyside Tract Steward – We still are looking for a volunteer. If interested, please let Steve know.

ELECTIONS :

Registration Committee: Elected for a 2 year term

Alison Byer

Budget Committee: Elected for a 2 year term –

Hans Francke, Betty Ann Thernal, and Barbara Mondzelewski

ELECTIONS – November: Town Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Planning (3)

NEW BUSINESS:

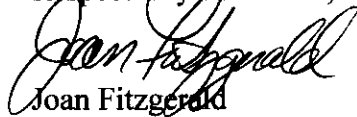
Hans Francke expressed concern over the lack Health Insurance coverage for retired and self employed people. He had additional information to share.

John Cartier was at the meeting to show his support of the Ardens.

Cindy Cohen wanted to thank Hetty Francke and Elaine Schmerling for all of their contribution to the Village.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Fitzgerald
Secretary

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September 29, 2007

To: All Ardentown Leaseholders:
From: Village of Ardentown

Deadline Extended to November 1, 2007

At the recent Town Meeting on September 10, the following resolution was voted upon and adopted. The Ordinance below was read, and the Town voted to extend the date by which residents should notify the Town Secretary of their intent to be included in the list of lots with Accessory Dwellings to be legalized in this one-time process initiated by New Castle County and amended to fit the unique situation of the Ardens. Therefore residents have additional time in which to consider joining this process. The new deadline for sending in the form to Ardentown, (not yet the County), is November 1, 2007. The form is included in this letter for your convenience.

**** For those who already registered, no further action is required ****

NOTE: Changes to previous information:

- ** The leaseholder does not have to be resident on the property to register as an ADU**
- ** Even recent ADU's can be included**

VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING RESOLUTION 2007-01

The Town Assembly endorses the proposed "Ardens exception for existing ADUs" amendment to Chapter 40 of the New Castle County Code (also known as the Unified Development Code – UDC). This amendment will convey legal non-conforming status to existing ADUs in Ardentown. The list of existing ADUs to be included is determined by an ordinance to be voted on by the Town Assembly. We ask that County Councilman, John Cartier introduce and support the "Ardens exception" amendment so that we may change the specified existing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Village of Ardentown to legal, non-conforming status.

Adopted by Town Assembly
September 10, 2007

VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN
ORDINANCE 2007-01

**** TO BE VOTED UPON AT NOVEMBER 12 TOWN MEETING ****

The purpose of this ordinance is to specify how the list of existing Accessory Dwelling Units to be communicated to New Castle County Department of Land Use is determined for the Village of Ardentown. A letter was sent out to all leaseholders in mid-August informing them that they needed to identify their leasehold with an existing ADU to the Town Secretary by Sept 8. A final notice letter will be sent in September to all leaseholds who did not respond with a final deadline of November 1, 2007. The list of leaseholds with ADUs collected by the Town Secretary as of November 1 is the official list which will be submitted to the New Castle County Department of Land Use once the amendment to the Unified Development Code becomes law. Only those leaseholds on the list will be included.

**** EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2007 ****

TO: ALL ARDENTOWN LEASEHOLDERS

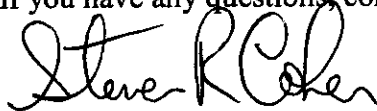
ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY REGARDING MULTIPLE DOMICILES!!

The three Ardens governments are working with New Castle County to make all existing multiple domiciles also known as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) legal, non-conforming. If you have a second kitchen on your leasehold or have an apartment on your leasehold that used to have a kitchen or does have a kitchen today, then this letter applies to you. ADUs can be:

- attached to your house
- in a separate building
- in your house (example: in your basement or in a part of your house)

All you need to do is to fill out the attached form and return to Joan Fitzgerald, 2305 Loreley Lane by November 1, 2007. There is no cost to you. Even if the ADU was added recently, it can be made legal with the County. This is a "one-time" opportunity that you need to participate in. Your information will NOT be shared with the County until the County has approved the Arden exception legislation.

If you have any questions, contact Steve Cohen at 475-5814 or Alison Byer at 475-2384.



STEVEN R. COHEN
ARDENTOWN CHAIR



ALISON BYER
ARDENTOWN COMMUNITY
PLANNING CHAIR

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGISTRATION FORM
TO MAKE THEM LEGAL, NON-CONFORMING WITH NEW CASTLE COUNTY

**** RETURN TO JOAN FITZGERALD, 2305 LORELEY LANE BY NOVEMBER 1 ****

Name _____

Address _____

Year Accessory Dwelling Unit Built : _____ (your best estimate)

Check One:

Detached Dwelling Unit? _____

Attached Dwelling Unit? _____

In House? _____ (apartment in your house with separate kitchen)

Signature _____

Date _____

Your email: _____

Telephone: _____