

Arden Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 January, 2007

Present: Terry Colgan, Mike Curtis, Aaron Hamburger, Lisa Mullinax, Sue Rothrock, Danny Schweers, Steven Threefoot, Elizabeth Varley, Cecilia Vore and Larry Walker.

Elizabeth Varley (Advisory Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Cecilia Vore (Registration Committee): Passed out list of each committee's members. Noted that Woods Committee, with five members, needs ten nominees for the elections at the March Town Meeting; their terms would be staggered. Sue suggests a handout at Town Meeting describing duties of each committee; Cecilia has this document and will bring copies to future Town Meetings. Steven notes that there are 59 positions to be filled in all. Deadline for nominees is the next Advisory Committee meeting, so list of nominees can be printed in the Minutes mailed before the March Town Meeting.

At Town Meeting, Cecilia Vore will make a motion to make Esperanto the official language. She will do this as an individual protesting motions in other towns making English the official language.

Danny Schweers (Secretary): A neighbor on Weilers Bend wants a county variance to erect a shed. [This neighbor is not adjacent to Village, it turns out.]

Steven Threefoot (Chair of the Town Assembly): Broadbents and Renzettis agree to participate in the FEMA Flood Insurance program but Steven will meet with them one more time to make sure they understand the program. Village must pass a resolution and get County and State cooperation.

Waiting on contract from Verizon, or word about tree work and minimal road work (for which they need permission). Comcast has agreed to match Verizon's contract: Grant of \$7200 (Arden gets 45%, based on population), TV access at four locations (Buzz, Gild Hall, Craft Shop Museum, New Candlelight Theatre).

Forest Committee needs to deal with mosquito spraying issue.

Aaron Hamburger (Trustee): We will have usual financial updates. We have proposed remedy for Buckingham Green lawsuit to give to judge. Land rent bills will be out in February.

Lisa Mullinax (Archives): Program for American Planning Association convention, April 15-18. Museum is Ethernet-ready for cable.

Larry Walker (Assessors): Alton convened Assessors, who elected Brooke Bovard as chair. Eight meetings are scheduled, with two public hearings: 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/19 (public hearing), 5/22, 6/5 (public hearing) and 6/19.

Audit: Steven Threefoot recommends Audit Committee make sure they look at Municipal Street Aid funds, and all other accounts.

Larry Walker (Budget): Sending out requests for 3-year-budget projections and will be searching for candidates. Steven requests that Budget Committee lend their skills to the BWVC's budget process.

Sue Rothrock (Civic): Woods cleanup will be handed off to Forest Committee. Bulk trash pickup is usually scheduled for this time, but, because last year so little was set out, we will do without it and encourage people to set out large items at any time. Mike Curtis wants to see Larry Walker's recycling service mentioned. Electronic recycling last year was a huge success, nearly two truckloads. Arden recycles 300,000 pounds a year, a huge amount. Using EPA averages, our households are recycling 85% of what an average American household produces.

In Florida, got emergency phone calls about trash not being picked up. Wants to dedicate a \$99 Trak phone to Village business, especially trash. Calls can be retrieved from answering machine using any phone without a fee.

Terry Colgan (Community Planning): No December meeting. Committee will work with Steven Threefoot to move forward on Multiple Domicile motion passed at last Town Meeting. County has come out with its five-year plan dealing with vacant buildings and accessory dwellings.

Larry Walker (Playground): Nothing out of the ordinary.

Safety has cookie duty at next Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

—Faithfully submitted,
Danny Schweers, Secretary