

Community Planning Committee
Minutes, 20 October 2010

Present: Committee members Cynthia Dewick, Ron Meick, Danny Schweers, Ray Seigfried, and Sally Sharpe.

Ray Seigfried, chair, called this meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Room 2 of the Buzz Ware Village Center. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Repair of Memorial Garden Wall

Repairs are complete except to get the new grout to match the old. Pete Renzetti helped supervise the re-construction. Looking forward, the entire wall may need to have the grout improved where it has deteriorated.

Request for Changes in County Land-Use Codes

Our County Council representative, John Cartier, has not received our two recommended exemptions from the Land Use Office, but hopes to soon. They will go first to committee, then to the full council.

Speed Tables on Harvey Road

In response to the last Arden Town Meeting, this committee will investigate getting the state to put speed tables on Harvey Road in Arden. Ron Meick will talk to Jamie Jamison about the Claymont Fire Company's desires. Sally Sharpe will talk to Enno Krebs about the Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee's failed efforts to get speed bumps on Harvey Road. Cynthia Dewick will sound out State Representative Bryon Short on how we might move forward on this issue, if at all.

Long-Vacant Houses

The committee approved the text of a letter to be sent to owners of dwellings that have been vacant for over a year. This letter would be from both the Arden Trustees and this committee.

Ray will contact the City of Wilmington to arrange a meeting with someone there who can discuss the pros and cons of that city's experience issuing fines to owners of long-vacant dwellings. He will find out what other municipalities in the state issue fines for long-vacant dwellings and find out whether the Village of Arden or the Trustees of Arden will be issuing these fees, if they go into effect.

The hope is to present a recommendation at the January Town Meeting.

Nominees Needed in March, 2011

Ray, Ron, and Sally are up for re-election in March, 2011. If they all agree to be nominated, we need to find three more people willing to be nominated. In all, six nominees are needed to fill three positions.

Next Meeting, Adjournment

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. at The Buzz. This meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Danny Schweers, Committee Secretary