

Community Planning Minutes 5/8/13

Ray Siegfried, Ron Meicke, Sally Sharp, Dan McNeil and Cynthia Dewick in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the February, March, and April minutes were read and approved by unanimous vote.

Vacant Housing Ordinance

Six homes were reviewed and confirmed as vacant and unregistered. We will be placing liens on all six.

FEMA Participation

We are awaiting a green light from the county. We need direction on the correct process for enabling participation and we hope to have that in time for the September town meeting.

Special Community Planning Group Meeting

A special meeting to begin a conversation around the role of the Trustees and Arden's committee structure of government is scheduled for next Wednesday at 7:30 at the Buzz. Our goal is to involve as many as possible, review of town documents and deed of trust, open a conversation and determine where to go from this point forward. We would also like to establish a code of ethics and determining a process for disclosing conflicts of interest.

There will be a follow-up working group session planned for 6/19 to work out ways to improve our communications with particular emphasis on the lease transfer and building permit processes.

New Business

Sally raised concern over the Joanne Shroeder trust funds. Ron has spoken to Danny Schweers and Dave Michelson concerning the profitability of the trust and has recommended the village consider a relationship with Delaware Community Foundation going forward.

Cynthia raised concern over the new stage in the Shady Grove since it appears a portion of the stage will be built over village land in the Memorial Garden. Given the village's enforcement policy of encroachments on leaseholds, she suggested an easement be obtained or the stage be relocated slightly. Some discussion suggested that the Arden Club had reviewed this with the Trustees and since this portion of the Memorial Garden was unusable due to wetness the issue was not going to be pursued by either the club or the Trustees.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Dewick