

Arden Community Planning Committee Minutes Wed. July 17th 2013

Present: Sally Sharp, Ray Seigfried, Ron Meick, Cynthia Dewick, Dan McNeil

Absent: Michael Falstad

Meeting called to order by Chair Ray Seigfried at 7:15PM

The review of minutes was postponed until next meeting. It was approved by all that there would be no August meeting and that the committee would convene in September.

FEMA – Ray Seigfried had contacted New Castle county councilman John Cartier and had attempted to have FEMA Rep. present at the meeting but it was unable to be scheduled. If Arden chooses not to participate in FEMA, then federal assistance would be restricted should there be a catastrophic event. FEMA maps have been reissued for reviewed for comment by communities.

Liens for Vacant Housing – They have been signed, notarized, and will be filed on five properties that are in violation of the vacant housing policy.

Village/Trustee Roles dialogue – Progress had been made clarifying roles and responsibilities of both and the next meeting is planned for September. Issues of transparency and conflict of interest are being examined. We are looking to all committees for language of such a policy that would limit liability for volunteer committee members.

Memorial Garden – The Memorial Garden is currently under the Community Planning Committee and not Civic, who is currently responsible for the village greens. Recently a damaged tree was removed and this has brought up issues of responsibility and costs. We hope to work with Ruth Bean, who is currently in the role of caretaker of the garden. Roles and responsibilities in the administration of the Memorial Garden will be an ongoing discussion so that future caretakers will have guidelines to follow.

New Business-2101 Marsh Road leasehold was supposed to be demolished but was not. Inquiries to the County will be made

Adjournment of meet was at 7:58PM

Next meeting: Wednesday September 18th, 2013

Respectfully submitted by ad-hoc minute taker Ron Meick