

NEXT TOWN ASSEMBLY

**Village of Arden
Monday June 25, 2001
7:30 p.m.
Arden Gild Hall**

AGENDA

1. Budget Proposal - Contingency Line Item
Advisory Committee
2. Trustees Report
3. Committee Reports in Reverse Order

Public Town Meeting All Are Welcome

Please note: Those attending town meeting are eligible to vote after six consecutive months as an Arden resident prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

Town Assembly for the Village of Arden
Monday, March 26, 2001
Gild Hall - Arden, Delaware

Frank Akutowicz	Barbara Henry	Liz Resko
Marguerite Archer	Wilton Isaaco	Gail Rinehart
Lew Aumack	Rodney W. Jester	Gail Rinehart
Peggy Aumack	Deborah Kenney	Sue Rothrock
Beverly A. Barnett	Allan Kleban	Hugh Roberts
Lou Bean	Sharon Kleban	Edward Rohrbach
Ruth Bean	Lynda Kolski	Jeffery Sallen
Bonnie Burslem	Mary Lo	Charlie Salkeld
Marianne Cinaglia	Matthew Lo	Johanne Schroeder
Alton Dahl	Virginia Marvin	Danny Schweers
Chris Demsey	Mary Marwin	Sadie Somerville
John Demsey	Betty O'Regan	Mark Taylor
Joan Fitzgerald	Ruth Panella	Elizabeth Varley
Charlie Hahn	Pam D. Patel	Cecilia A. Vore
Linda W. Hager	Jeffery Politis	Jan Westerhouse
Aaron Hamburger	Bill Press	Tom Wheeler
Sally Hamburger	Pete Renzetti	Mamie Woolery

1. **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Press, Town Assembly Chairperson. After a few residents spoke to Bill Press and at the recommendation of the Community Planning committee, the chairs were placed in a semi-circle instead of the rows. Hopefully, this will result in more community participation.

Some residents expressed concerns over the length of the Town Assembly meetings. The following hand-out was given out to be used as a guide for our meetings.

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
PROPOSED PRACTICES FOR TOWN ASSEMBLY

1. Everyone will have an opportunity to speak.
 2. Only one person has the floor at any given time - do not interrupt.
 3. Each statement presented deserves the mutual respect of all participants - your neighbor's statement is just as worthy and important as yours.
 4. Make statements that are as brief and concise as possible - this allows time for comments from others.
 5. When debate takes place, do not repeat what someone else has already said - this takes precious time and is what voting is for.
 6. Those who have not yet spoken take priority over those that have spoken.
 7. It is the responsibility of the Town Assembly Chairman to run the meeting in a manner that is both thorough and timely - It is the responsibility of all of us to help achieve these goals.
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2. **Correspondence:** None
 3. **Minutes:** Were approved from September 25, 2000 Town Assembly Meeting.
 4. **Registration Committee:** Cecilia Vore advised we did not have enough nominees for the Audit Committee and the Playground Committee. Election ballots were distributed.
 5. **Announcements:** Estelle Frankel, Florence Fish, and Ruth Dolmetsch passed away. Our condolences to their families and friends.
 6. **New Residents:** Welcome to
Charlie Hahn and Mary and Matthew Lo!

7. Trustees Report:

To: Village of Arden Town Assembly
Re: Trustees' Report
Date: March 26, 2001

1. This past Saturday marked the end of the '00 - '01 fiscal year and land rents have been coming nicely. The total figure generated for the '01 - '02 fiscal year in accordance with the assessors report is \$ 350,280.70, about \$3,500.00 more than what was collected last year.
2. We have received payment from United Water for the use of the water tower as a Sprint communications facility. United Water has chosen to submit payments on an annual basis which means we have an additional \$4,200.00 in the general reserve. To identify this money, which will increase by 4% each year, we have added a United Water line item as a subcategory under the Rights of Way category on the receipts page of the quarterly financial report. Because this payment was posted in March it does not show up on the current report which ends February 28th.
3. We have, we think, one more meeting to iron out some points relating to the pre-1954 non-conforming lots and the mitigating variance situation. After that a draft will be submitted to our lawyers for review.
4. There has been a significant increase in activity associated with the Buckingham Green lawsuit over the past year. Come June it will be the end of 4 years in this effort. Slow but steady.
5. One more time, we can only encourage leaseholders who are 65 or older or those with a disability to apply to the County Finance Department for an exemption on their New Castle County and Local School District taxes. This needs to be done now if you hope to have the opportunity available for the coming year.
6. The quarterly financial report available on the entrance table is considered to be part of the Trustee's report.

Respectfully submitted-


Gail W. Rinehart

Village of Arden

Receipts and Bank Balances March 25, 2000 to February 28, 2001

Balance in Bank March 25, 2000

77,898.37

Receipts:

Grants	1,530.00
Interest & Dividends	698.56
Land Rent:	
Past Fiscal Year(s)	1,406.49
Present Fiscal Year	140,600.95
Future Fiscal Year(s)	2,579.65
Meadow Lane Access Rent	575.54
Memorial Garden Donations	2,233.00
Miscellaneous	9,012.09
Rights of Way:	
Cable TV	2,233.46
Roads	5,464.24
United Water Antenna Agreement	0.00

SUBTOTAL Receipts 166,333.98

Redeemed Investments + 261,000.00

New Investments - 132,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 295,333.98

Receipts & Starting Bank Balance

373,232.35

Expenditures Against Budget

361,146.27

Balance in Bank as of

12,086.08

NOTE: Investment Position

Arden Building and Loan	105,761.26
Vanguard Money Market	77,247.09
Other:	0.00

TOTAL Investment Position 183,008.35

Signatures:

Trustee:

Jill A. Pritchard

Admin. Assist.:

Elizabeth Vukobratovic

Village of Arden - Expenditures Against Budget March 25, 2000 to February 28, 2001

Budget Item	Budgeted Amount	Expenditures F.Y. to Date	Expenditures Since Last Report	
Committees:				
Archives	3,980.00	2,339.50	364.00	Notes: (a) Deferred Revenue (Audit "99-00): 1998 Bond Bill One-Time-Aid to Local Governments \$3,058.00 DOT-00-P-Prop-23 \$9,220.00 (b) Deferred Revenue (Audit "99-00): Traffic Calming 97-P-Prop-117 \$993.29 Urban Forestry III \$66.27 (c) Deferred Revenue (Audit "99-00): NCC Pass-Thru Grant I \$4,400.00 NCC Pass-Thru Grant II \$5,000.00 (d) Expenditures: One-Time-Aid to Local Governments - \$163.00 00-P-Prop-23 - \$9220.00 00-P-Prop-84 - \$780.00 (e) Expenditures: NCC PassThru Grant I - \$2,127.31 (f) Expenditures include \$750.00 from Delaware Division of Arts Grant
Buzz Ware Village Center	1,000.00	(f) 1,510.80	255.70	
Buzz Ware VC: Renovations	6,000.00	2,741.54	109.74	
Centennial Celebration	8,000.00	11,130.61	336.14	
Civic: Commons & Forests	16,000.00	13,379.27	238.35	
Civic: Roads	15,000.00	14,676.28	51.43	
Civic: Special Clean-up	2,000.00	92.40	0.00	
Civic: Trash Collection	38,000.00	34,387.46	6,307.08	
Community Planning	1,500.00	262.20	75.00	
Legislative Reference	300.00	0.00	0.00	
Playground	1,700.00	1,104.48	0.00	
Playground Equipment	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	
Registration	3,250.00	2,255.40	327.39	
Safety: General	600.00	226.40	45.26	
Safety: Town Watch Coordinator	2,268.00	2,079.00	378.00	
Welcome Hither	300.00	0.00	0.00	
Salaries:				
Assembly Secretary	5,531.00	4,611.31	838.42	
Bookkeeping Services	2,273.00	1,892.11	344.02	
Other Line Items				
Acquisition Committee/Craft Shop	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Acq. Com./Craft Shop Match Funds	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Board of Assessors	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations: ACRA	700.00	700.00	0.00	
Donations: Arden Library	450.00	450.00	0.00	
Donations: Arden Page	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	
Donations: Fire Companies	950.00	950.00	0.00	
Fireproof File/Town Secretary	1,000.00	895.00	0.00	
Gild Hall Rental	800.00	800.00	0.00	
Telephone	504.00	173.07	30.92	
Contingencies	2,000.00	652.88	0.00	
Items Not Subject to Reference				
Memorial Garden Fund	N/A	3,207.48	0.00	
Civic: Grants	(a) 12,278.00	(d) 10,163.00	0.00	
Com. Plan.: Grants	(b) 1,059.56	0.00	0.00	
NCC Pass-thru Grant	(c) 9,400.00	(e) 2,127.31	0.00	
Taxes: New Castle Co. Property	63,800.00	56,723.65	20.37	
Taxes: School	160,000.00	146,094.04	43.42	
Administrative: Auditing	4,000.00	4,100.00	0.00	
Administrative: Insurance	7,000.00	5,014.00	0.00	
Administrative: Legal	10,000.00	14,598.89	0.00	
Administrative: Office Rent	2,100.00	1,925.00	350.00	
Administrative: Operations/Fees	6,500.00	2,978.69	804.42	
Administrative: Payroll Taxes	2,000.00	3,637.04	654.35	
Administrative: Salary Ad. Asst.	9,084.00	8,327.00	1,514.00	
Less Accrued Taxes		(1,709.54)	(296.26)	
TOTAL	433,077.56	361,146.27	12,791.75	

Report Approved.

8. Advisory recommendation of Contingency Budget item:

Alton Dahl reported a few months ago the Advisory Committee requested the Budget Committee to consider how we would handle the items the Town did not have in the budget. After several discussions of financial procedures, the following was adopted and the Advisory Committee Chair was requested to present the following to clarify procedures pertaining to Contingency and non-budgeted expenditures.

1. The "Contingency" budget line item is available for cost overruns or for unexpected expenditures not to exceed \$500 per item.
2. Contingency expenditures are approved by both the Chair of the Town Assembly and the Chair of the Advisory Committee and will be reported to the next Town Assembly by the Advisory Chair.
3. As is the current practice the Trustees will report any emergency or unanticipated expenditure related to operation of the Trust to the next Town Assembly.
4. Non-budgeted expenses not covered by items 1 or 3 must be approved by a special referendum requested by Town Assembly.

No increase in the \$2000 Contingency budget was recommended.

Motion: I (Alton Dahl) move that we accept this proposed policy.

Motion seconded.

Motion to amend: Aaron Hamburger recommended we amend the proposed policy to eliminate the \$500 per item limitation.

Motion seconded.

Aaron Hamburger felt since the Contingency it was already limited to \$2,000, he did not feel it necessary to limit the per item expense to \$500. Reminding us that any expense greater than \$2,000 would need Town Assembly approval.

**Motion to amend the elimination of the \$500 per item -
APPROVED.**

Discussion: Mary Marconi expressed concerns over the Contingency item with the \$2,000. Would this mean funds for a special project could be allocated without it being brought up to the Town? Does this also mean a committee could run over budget, know the availability of the Contingency fund?

Town Chair, Bill Press stated he felt there was some disagreement and misunderstanding on some of these points. Alton Dahl agreed there was some disagreement on how much we should try to control the people we elected to the various jobs/committees or should we just let them do their job. Mary Marconi feels special projects be limited to a referendum and Advisory had asked Budget to look into this because people were getting worried about extra spending outside the budget project.

Many residents felt additional discussions were needed between the Budget and Advisory Committees.

Motion to table: I (Gail Rinehart) move we table this motion for more clarification and the proposed motion be submitted in writing for the Assembly to review.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

9. Agenda: The committee reports will be given in alphabetical order tonight.

10. Advisory Committee: No report.

11. Arden Archives: The Archives report this quarter is less of a committee report than a plea for help. As mentioned at the last town meeting, a book collector in Philadelphia has offered to donate a copy of the Frank Stephen's Tribute "Some Songs" inscribed from Don Stephens to Upton Sinclair with the provision that we find him another copy in very good to mint condition. While prior to the Delaware Art Museum exhibition there were a dozen of these on the web, no copies currently exist. So please, if anyone has a copy of "Some Songs" that they would be willing to donate to Archives, see me.

(Archives)

Acquisitions this quarter include a plaster cast of the Frank Stephen's sculpture of Will Price playing the cello, dated 1899, which was donated by Orlando Cole. Thank you also to Sonta Sloan and Victor Frankel for donating several items from the estate of Stella Frankel. These include several photographs, an important scrapbook and 2 pieces of Arden Forge ironwork.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Taylor

Report approved.

12. Arden Craft Shop Museum: Read by Mark Taylor
At a special meeting of the Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc., Arden residents overwhelmingly approved bylaw changes to permit Ardentown and Ardencroft residents to become members of the Corporation. The museum now becomes a three Ardens project with its mission to collect, preserve and display the history and arts of the Ardens.

The capital funding campaign has raised about \$574,000 as of late March. We hope the final phase of the campaign, to be completed by summer, will be successful in reaching or exceeding the campaign goal of \$600,000 through contributions by individuals and, perhaps, a few additional foundations. Individual supporters are urged to make their contributions or pledges now so that project work can proceed without delay.

We expect to actually purchase the Craft Shop property in mid-May. Thereafter, necessary repairs and renovations to the building and apartments will be undertaken. Installation of the museum and archives space will be the last part of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors Arden Craft Shop Museum, Inc.

Report Approved.

13. Assessor Report: Alton Dahl

The Assessors have been meeting as scheduled. All residents are invited.

14. Audit Committee: No report.

15. Budget Committee:

Arden Town Assembly
March 26, 2001
Budget Committee Report

- Every March the Budget Committee presents a three-year budget projection that it has gathered from the town committees, the Trustees, & county & school officials.
- This year the format has changed in 2 ways.
- A new line item has been added: "Advisory" that represents the yearly June Advisory Committee dinner expense. Cost of the dinner was previously taken from Contingency line.
- Also a new category was added: "Town Expenses" which pulls together items that were listed separately in previous budgets. A new line item was added under Town Expenses to more accurately reflect what the Town costs are for mailing, supplies, equipment, etc. \$2,400 of this line was previously under the Registration Committee's budget.
- There is a significant decrease in the total budget expense from FY 2001-2002 & FY 2002-2003 of \$20,067.
- Included in the notes for the budget projection is a chart of increased & decreased spending for various town groups. This is included to try to help explain the decrease not to highlight who's spending more or less since it is only a two year comparison.
- The main reason for this decrease is the elimination of the Craft Shop match of \$25,000
- The main reason the increase isn't more is the increase in school taxes of \$11,822.
- Overall the town's portion which is a small part of the overall budget has decreased.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Marconi

ARDEN TOWN ASSEMBLY
March 26, 2001
THREE YEAR FORECAST
FY 2002-2003, FY 2003-2004 & FY 2004-2005

		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES:	NOTES	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	PROJECTED	FORECAST	FORECAST	FORECAST
Property Taxes:							
County	1a	58,000	56,700	57,267	57,839	58,418	59,002
School	1b	148,657	146,000	153,300	164,550	175,800	187,050
Sub-Total: Property Taxes		\$ 206,657	\$ 202,700	\$ 210,567	\$ 222,389	\$ 234,218	\$ 246,052
Trustees Administration:							
Audit		3,800	4,000	4,100	4,150	4,150	4,200
Insurance		4,913	7,000	6,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
Legal		1,267	10,000	10,000	12,000	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous/Operations & Fees		10,019	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Office Rent		2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Payroll Taxes		1,464	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700
Salaries/Administration		8,620	9,064	9,064	9,180	9,200	9,250
Sub-Total: Trustees Administration		\$ 32,483	\$ 40,664	\$ 39,864	\$ 41,630	\$ 39,460	\$ 39,750
Other Non-Budget Expenses:							
Acquisition Committee/Craft Shop		-	-	25,000	-	-	-
Centennial Celebration		-	-	-	-	-	-
NOC Pass-Through Grant		-	3,000	-	-	-	-
State Grant for Roads to Civic Committee		6,228	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Delaware Municipal Street Aid - Roads		14,951	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Sub-Total: Other Non-Budget Expenses		\$ 21,179	\$ 33,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		\$ 280,319	\$ 276,364	\$ 305,451	\$ 294,019	\$ 303,868	\$ 316,802
BUDGET EXPENSES:		ACTUAL	APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	FORECAST	FORECAST	FORECAST
Acquisition Committee:							
Craft Shop		523	2,000	-	-	-	-
Craft Shop: Matching Funds		-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Advisory	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	375	380	385
Archives	3	3,905	3,980	3,980	3,000	2,000	1,000
Board of Assessors		-	100	50	50	50	50
Buzz Ware Village Center		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Renovation Projects	4a	6,000	6,000	12,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
Other	4b	-	-	-	1,100	2,200	-
Civic Committee:							
Roads		14,951	15,000	16,000	16,000	17,000	17,000
Commons & Forests		14,706	16,000	19,000	19,000	20,000	20,000
Trash Collection		36,738	37,500	39,000	39,500	40,000	41,000
Special Clean-up		1,021	-	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500
Sub-Total Civic Committee		67,416	68,500	76,000	76,500	79,500	80,500
Community Planning:		700	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Urban Forestry Grant: Matching Funds		4,037	-	-	-	-	-
Arden Book Centennial Edition		6,486	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Reference		-	300	50	50	50	50
Playground		1,523	1,700	1,750	1,800	1,850	1,900
Equipment		-	3,500	2,300	-	-	-
Registration Committee	5	3,277	3,500	3,500	1,200	1,200	1,200
Safety - General		600	600	1,000	600	600	600
Town Watch Coordinator Fee		2,226	2,268	2,268	2,268	2,268	2,400
Town Expenses:	6						
Secretary	6a	4,884	5,531	5,750	5,750	5,885	6,000
Bookkeeping - Town		2,004	2,273	2,320	2,365	2,415	2,485
Town Telephone		225	504	275	275	275	300
Miscellaneous/Fees	6b	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,050	3,100	3,150
Gold Hall Rental		700	800	800	850	900	900
Donations:							
ACRA		700	700	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,250
Arden Page		1,100	1,150	1,250	1,300	1,350	1,450
Arden Library		450	450	450	475	475	490
Fire Companies		950	950	950	950	950	975
Sub-Total Town Expenses		11,013	12,358	12,795	16,116	16,830	17,000
Centennial Celebration		1,685	8,000	1,000	-	-	-
Fireproof File Cabinet: Town Secretary		-	1,000	-	-	-	-
Contingencies		467	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES		\$ 110,858	\$ 143,356	\$ 121,693	\$ 113,058	\$ 116,828	\$ 116,085
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 371,177	\$ 419,740	\$ 427,144	\$ 407,077	\$ 420,496	\$ 430,887
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005

Arden Town Assembly
Notes: Three-Year Forecast
FY 2002-2003, FY 2003-2004, & FY 2004-2005
March 26, 2001

1) **Property Taxes:**

- (a) County Taxes: Represents a 1% yearly increase.
- (b) School Taxes: Represents a 28% increase over a 4 year period assuming the passage of the Brandywine School District's referendum on May 31, 2001.

2) **Advisory Committee:** New line item that represents the yearly June Advisory Committee dinner expense. Cost of the dinner was previously taken from Contingency line.3) **Archives Committee:** Reason for decrease: end of rent (\$2,184/Yr.) paid to Buzz Ware Village Center when Archives moves to the Craft Shop.4) **Buzz Ware Village Center Committee:**

- (a) Renovation Projects - consistent with master plan, e.g. electrical, storage and plumbing improvements.
- (b) Other - short term request because BWVC will be losing rental income from Archives which will be moving to the Craft Shop.

5) **Registration Committee:** Reason for decrease: mailing cost for Town Assembly notices and minutes which previously were included in Registration's budget are now under Town Expenses: Misc. Operations/Fees.6) **Town Expenses:** New Category not new line items except for one Misc. Operations/Fees. All were included in previous budgets as separate items.

- (a) Town Secretary/Town Bookkeeper: salaries reflect an increase of 3% per year.
- (b) Misc. Operations/Fees: New line item was added to more accurately reflect what the Town expenses are for mailing, supplies, equipment, etc. \$2,400 of this line was previously under the Registration Committee's budget.

Decrease in the total budget from FY 2001-2002 to FY 2002-2003 = \$20,067.

➤ Differences between FY 2001-2002 & FY 2002-2003 line items:

	Increased	Decreased	
Advisory	375		
Archives		980	
BWVC - renovations		6,500	
BWVC - other	1,100		
Centennial		1,000	
Civic	500		
Community Planning		500	
Craft Shop match		25,000	
Playground	50		
Playground - Equipment		2,300	
Registration		2,300	
Safety		400	
Taxes	11,822		
Town Expenses	3,320		
Trustees	1,746		
	<u>+18,913</u>	<u>-38,980</u>	= -\$20,067

To eliminate any possible confusion, Gail Rinehart requested the name of the category of Town Expenses be revised. It was agreed to change the name to *Town Administrative Expenses*.

Report Approved.

16. Buzz Ware Village Center:

1. **Thank yous:** At this time I would like to thank Alton Dahl for putting up our new mailbox. The old one was in desperate need of replacement! Also the committee wishes to thank the Village of Ardencroft for their continued support of the BWVC. We received this year's contribution of \$1000.00 last week. Many thanks to Tim Colgan for his help in the acquisition of our new floors; it would not have been possible without Tim. We shall miss having him on our committee - his good-natured level headedness has been a valued asset. We wish him the best in his new ventures. The committee would also like to thank those outgoing members for all their hard work and support over the years.
2. **More new flooring!:** Because of special pricing Tim Colgan was able to obtain from his company, Kahrs, International, we will be laying new flooring in Rooms 1,2 and 4 within the next couple months. We will need volunteers for this project; Tim needs 2-3 people on the day of delivery, Friday, April 6th, to off load the cartons into the storage area in our shed. We need people who can be flexible with their schedule. Tim will be able to let you know in advance whether it will be in the morning or afternoon. There are 100 cartons weighing 35 lbs. each; not heavy lifting but we will need people with good backs. Installation of the flooring in room 4 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th starting at 9:00 AM and will require about 1/2 - 2/3 of the day to complete. Tim will need a crew of 2 - 3 people for this room. The project will be well supervised and the flooring is laid down by a snap together technique, so you don't need to be a carpenter, floor layer, etc. Rooms 1 and 2 are tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 23rd and Friday, May 11th. If we can get a crew of 6 - 7 for April 23rd we might be able to do both rooms 1 and 2 that day. If you can help us out on any of these dates, or if you have questions, please give either Tim or me a call.
3. **Painting/Renovations:** We have decided to put the painting of the building, originally scheduled for this spring, on hold. It has been recommended we address issues with the fascias, trim, windows and roof before we paint. Because of this we will be using this year's budgeted money for the prep work prior to painting. We are in the process of obtaining needs assessments on the roof and building masonry. We also need to research various options for window and trim replacement. If anyone who enjoys doing research work has some time to volunteer for this endeavor it would be greatly appreciated.
4. **Auction:** Because the expense of the overhaul to the exterior of the building is going to be a large one (a rough "guesstimate" is around \$50,000.00), the BWVC committee has decided to have an auction as a fund raiser. This will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at the Gild Hall. A silent auction will be held from 3PM - 8PM; live auction will be from 7PM -midnight. An auction subcommittee has already been established and work has begun on recruiting volunteers, donations for the auction, and publicity. There will also be upcoming announcements in the Page. When you are contacted by members of the auction committee please keep in mind this fundraiser is for YOUR community center and be as generous in the offering of your time and/or donations as you can.

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5. **Rentals:** The YMCA will be signing another yearly contract with us. Their programs are shifting a bit but they still will fit in nicely with our theme of flexibility. Over the past two years the YMCA has proven to be a very good tenant. Their staff has been communicative and strives to cooperate with our needs for flexibility. We are happy to welcome them back for another year. Our short-term rentals continue to increase. A number of workshops have been scheduled; the homeowners inspection and the stagehands organizations continue their monthly rentals and the Arden Building and Loan has recently signed on with the BWVC for their meetings.
6. **Events:** "The Buzz" Coffee House celebrated its 2nd year anniversary in February followed by a remarkable turnout of performers and audience in March. There will be no Coffee House in April, due to the holidays but we'll be back for two more months, May and June before we take our summer hiatus. Games Night will be the 2nd Saturday in May and June. Crafters group meets the last Tuesday of every month; our next one is tomorrow night, Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30. The Feb. 24th Day of Relaxation was not as well attended as we had hoped but those who did come out for the day had a wonderful time and felt it was well worth having another such event. So all in all it was a good trial run and we are planning to have another one next year. It was such a treat to have the colorful works of Carlos Pascual hanging in room 3 and in the display case in the hallway. The workshop he held on March 11th was a great success; the room was packed with Arden residents busily working away on colored pencil techniques. Twenty-eight residents signed up for the course, along with a couple of non-residents. Russ McKinney continues to host the 3rd Saturday Art Exhibits, which will run through June and resume in the Fall. May's exhibit will be a special 10 day showing of Phil Fisher's metal works. So mark your calendar for some or all of these events! If you would like to be added to the BWVC e-mail list, please fill in your information on the sheet on the side table, or contact me. And, as always, the BWVC Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month and all are welcome to come sit in on our meetings.

The energies continue to buzz around the Buzz Ware Village Center, so come on over and add yours to it!!

Respectfully submitted,



M. Marguerite Archer

Report approved.

17. Civic Committee:

After a lengthy delay we finally received the funds for some of last falls road repairs from the BOND BILL FUNDING FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS. We have submitted a request for funds from this program to cover the cost of reconfiguring the intersection at Millers and Walnut as this years project.

Four of the trees on common lands found to be decayed that could constitute a safety hazard, have been scheduled for removal. A notice has been placed in next months page to all those interested in wood for stoves and fireplaces. The wood from these trees will be cut into short lengths and stacked at the site. This wood is available to anyone-some may need to be split.

The annual Spring Walk-About for members of the Civic Committee and a representative from Downing will be held on Saturday April 28th. If you have any road concerns- please submit them to any member of the Civic Committee in writing and we will gladly review them at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Kenney
Civic Committee, Chair

Peg Aumack expressed concerns over the Right of Way on the leaseholds. Space must be left available for off street parking; at least for a couple of wheels. Deborah Kenney has addressed this issue in the Page and also with individuals.

Tree work continues to be completed. Strobert is due back out the second week of April.

Report approved.

18. Community Planning:

See Insert

19. Legislative Reference: No report**20. Playground:**

Since the last town meeting two playground inspections were conducted, all equipment is in safe condition and has been "adult tested".

The final project for the year will be the installation of a new, low maintenance basketball backboard and rim, and these are to replace the metal unit at the north end of the basketball court at the Sherwood Green. The present unit is over 10 years old, and the rusting areas have been repainted several times. The unit has been ordered, and it will be installed as soon as the last part is received.

Because the Committee received approval through Referendum a Budget Item for \$2,300 for purchasing and installing two soccer goals, these were ordered for delivery in March to take advantage of last season's prices. However, payment will be made in late March to accommodate payment during next Fiscal Year. These have been installed initially on the Sherwood Green near the baseball diamond, and the placement will enable either a soccer game or baseball game to be played, utilizing basically the same playing field.

Submitted by,

Larry Walker
Playground Committee, Chairman

Report approved.**21. Safety Report:**

Ardencroft has sent a check for \$250.00 as a contribution for Town Watch. The check is attached to this report with a note from Chuck Conner:

3/19/01

Dear Tim:

Please find the Village of Ardencrofts' contribution for the coming year to the Town Watch fund.


Thanks for your good help!

Chuck Conner

(Safety)

At the last Town Meeting I reported that Arden, represented by the Safety Committee, Ardentown, and Ardencroft, have agreed to jointly fund extra speed enforcement patrols on Harvey Road. By state law, any money from fines would be returned to the villages and split evenly. The goal was to have these patrols begin in April. Bob Pollock, Ardencroft's representative, has made contact with the State Police in Odessa. The Odessa troop has been supplying The Town of Odessa with officers for their extra paid speed enforcement. While we are close to having the system set up to begin paid speed enforcement on Harvey, we have decided to wait and see what effect, if any, the proposed legislation in Dover to curtail "speed traps" would have on our situation. Even though I am leaving the committee I will continue to see this project implemented by working with Bob Pollock, and David Scott of Ardentown. We will keep residents informed of progress by announcements in the Arden Page.

Respectfully submitted,


Tim Colgan

Report approved.

22. Registration Committee:

No news to report since the last meeting. Results of tonight's committee and officer elections will be posted by Wednesday at the Gild Hall and Arden Green.

An update on eligible voters and census information will be presented in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Vore
Registration Committee, Chair

Report approved.

Marianne Cinaglia expressed concern over the fact we did not have the required number of candidates nominated for the various open positions in all of the committees. Hugh Roberts reported that we are required to have twice as many people running per vacancy.

The Advisory Committee (which consists of the Chairperson of each committee) will continue to work hard on recruiting residents for future elections.

Motion: I (Marianne Cinaglia) move we make the election of Playground and Safety invalid due to not having the required number of candidates.

Motion seconded.

Motion: Not approved

Ballots were submitted.

22. Old Business: None

23. Good and Welfare: Bill Press said the Advisory Committee did a good job setting the agenda and is pleased to announce that it is only 9:35 p.m.!

Meeting Adjourned

Joan Fitzgerald
Town Secretary

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Dated material enclosed

Notice of Town Meeting
Minutes from 3/26/01 meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME.