

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on September 27, 1982, Chairman William Press presiding.

In attendance were:

Virginia Shaw	Sam Starr	Carolyn Liberman
Beatrice Jaffe	Gail Rinehart	Joan W. Colgan
Helen Macklem	June Kleban	Tony Colgan
Elizabeth Varley Walker	Ruth Shaw	Thomas E. Colgan
Bertha Brooks	Eugene Shaw	Donald Holcomb
Sarah Hamburger	Lee Starr	Ruth Holcomb
Rae Gerstine	Ruth Estes	Cecilia Vore
Frank Herzog	Sallie Joseph	Carl Falco
Irene R. Heymann	James Brooks	Frank Akutowicz
Frank Heymann	Ethel Monfort	Robert Wynn (NV)
Sarah Moore	Aaron Hamburger	Larry Walker
Patricia Press	Harold Monfort	Shaul Gladstone
William Press	Dora Johnson	Tom Carroll (NV)
Rowena Austin	Hugh Roberts	Ruth Panella
Mary Brent Whipple	Debbie Theis	David Warner
James Schwaber	Woodrow Vandever	Bill Theis
John Grimaldi	Cy Liberman	

The regular rules of the Town Assembly were suspended by unanimous vote to allow for the nomination of 14 registered voters to run for the 7 man board of assessors. Nominated were: Bernard Brachman, Carl Falco, John Grimaldi, Donald Holcomb, George Macklem, Harold Monfort, Ruth Panella, William Press, James Schwaber, Eugene Shaw, Lee Starr, Deborah Theis, Susan Warner, Mary Brent Whipple.

Standing Committee Reports

Trustees - Cy Liberman.

The financial report is on file. \$117,000 has been received in land rent.

Playground Committee - Frank Heymann reporting for William Bailey

The hobby horse at the end of the Village Green was removed earlier this summer because it was found to have two of its four bolts broken due to rust. We are contracting to have it reinstalled and hope to have this done shortly.

The baseball backstop on the Green will have its fencing removed, its poles painted, and new fencing installed this fall.

The bench at the top of the Green was removed because it had completely fallen apart. We are looking into having a replacement installed this fall.

There will be a playground inspection this Saturday, Oct. 2, at 9 AM starting at the Sherwood Green, followed by a committee meeting at the Buzz Ware Village Center.

Beverly Barnett has resigned from the Playground Committee and William Bailey was elected chair to replace her. We have nominated Mary Burslem to fill this vacancy and would like to submit this nomination for the town's approval under new business.

The committee presented a certificate to Beverly Barnett in gratitude for her service.

It was noted that the boulders edging Sherwood Green at the corner of Sherwood and the Highway are too close to the road and are a hazard to drivers.



Budget Committee - Harold MonfortBudget Report on File.

Discussion of the trash collection figure. Problems with Laxton Enterprises were noted: cans on the Greens are seldom emptied, cans are often not returned behind houses, the Monday pick-up is skipped when it falls on a holiday. Laxton is the only company willing to pick up behind the house and Town Assembly reaffirmed its previous vote that this is a necessary service for Arden since many of us are unable to carry cans to the street. Please let Gail Rinehart know of any problems so she can handle them.

Moved that the trash collection figure be changed from \$24,000 to \$27,500, the actual bid from Laxton. The Budget Committee did not want to quote the actual estimate to prevent the trash collection companies from discovering our budget estimate and bidding accordingly. They added \$1,000 to the contingency budget to allow for a cost rise. Town Assembly has requested that the figure be stated in the budget. Burying the cost misleads Arden voters and the chance of Laxton Enterprises seeing our budget is slight. The motion was amended to include the reduction of the contingency budget by \$1,000. Motion passed.

Moved and passed unanimously that the salary for Assembly Secretary be raised to \$2,500, and the salary for Town Treasurer be raised to \$600.

Moved that the Town Assembly approve a \$300 donation to the Arden library for the purchase of books. Because of the New Castle County Library's cut-back in funds, the Arden Library is no longer able to borrow books from them. The Arden Library feels they need \$1,000 a year in order to continue operating. The other 2 Ardens have approved donations. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget accepted as amended.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee - Elizabeth Varley Walker

The committee has been meeting on a monthly basis since the June Town Meeting. Their next meeting will be Oct. 19 at 7:30 on the BWVC stage.

The second module has been installed and school opened on schedule on Sept. 13. The bathroom renovation has been completed except for a little painting and paper hanging. Still to be completed are some regrading and landscaping.

During the past year, the building has been used extensively in the evenings by the three Ardens and the WMA. This has called our attention to an inconvenience to any group using room 4. The problem is that room 4 is the only access to the module from within the building. While this is not bothersome during the day, it can be distracting to meetings or classes in the evenings when the building is heavily used. We are therefore proposing that WMA build a hallway through the existing janitor's closet to join with the hall between room 4 and the storeroom. A new janitor's closet will be built in a section of the storeroom. This closet will open on the new hallway. WMA will pay for all construction.

Another problem which reflects increased use of the building has been an infringement on cleaning time. To help Mr. Bratten, we have agreed on the following change in scheduling policy. Room 4 may be used any time after 7:30 PM, room 3 may be used anytime after 8 PM, and the stage may be used at any time with the understanding that there may be some noise from cleaning up until 9 PM. Any groups using any of these areas are requested to clean up after themselves.



In other business, the committee decided at its August meeting to have a light installed by the BWVC signpost. This will help identify the building after dark and allow safer exit from the building at night. We are also investigating the possibility of having Delmarva Power and Light install a "street light" on the light post behind the basketball standard. This would be of the same type the Arden Club had installed over the overflow parking area of Sherwood Green. The cost per month for the 175 watt lamp is \$7.73, and the 400 watt lamp is \$15.65. There is no installation cost since the poles are already in place. New door locks have been ordered. These will have a removable core to facilitate changing locks in the future. This will reduce future lock costs. The committee proposes to have major roof repairs made next year. At present we are determining the extent of the repair and requesting estimates for the work.

The coffee house will reopen this year on a limited basis. We do not have a coordinator as yet, but Donna Ryan has agreed to run several of the evenings. This year the coffee house will probably be held on Sunday evenings. Anyone wishing to help out should call Diane Kershaw at 4718.

We are also going to sponsor a cardio-pulmonary recussitation course. There will be a limited registration.

Moved and unanimously passed that the Wilmington Montessori Association build and finance a new hallway through the existing janitor's closet to connect with the existing hall outside the storage room; that the WMA build a new janitor's closet in a section of the storage room. Both sections of this motion as per diagram presented to the Town Assembly on Sept. 27, 1982 (see file).

#### Community Planning Committee - Cy Liberman

Moved that the Commons bounded by Harvey Rd. the Sweep, Lower Lane and the Stile Path shall be reserved for future use as an extension of the Memorial Garden. This use of the Sweep Greeb was always planned; the space will not be used until the present Memorial Garden is filled. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Civic Committee - Joan Colgan

Work has begun on repaving Lower Lane, Walnut Lane from Green to Inn Lanes, and Lovers Lane to Sherwood.

Again we urge all residents to cut back their bushes etc. that overhang the town right-of-way. The Civic Committee is cutting back growth on the town-right-of-way. We have and will continue to write letters to people who do not cooperate and, if necessary, we will enforce ordinance #11.

Residents are aware of the tremendous amount of vandalism throughout the town. A number of mail boxes have been destroyed, the bench on the Arden Green, the trash container stolen, and the plexiglass on the bulletin board smashed. I reported the destruction of the mailboxes to the postal inspector. This is a federal offense and they will prosecute if the culprits are apprehended.

We have worked hard to get all the road signs replaced and have all but one in place. Then, last Friday, at least eight signs on Harvey and Orleans were destroyed. We urge all residents to be alert so that we may catch the vandals.

We again remind everyone that the trash is to be picked up behind the house and the containers replaced.

Moved that the Chairman of the Town Assembly appoint a committee to study the construction and financing of a storage



shed to house the sand and salt needed during the winter and for storage of material for other committees. This committee is to report to the March Town Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

Parking problems. People parking on Greens is a continuing problem. It is difficult to enforce the ordinance when the no-parking signs are still missing. Safety Committee has not replaced the signs nor have they posted the list of rules provided by Civic Committee covering the use of the Greens. Residents are reminded that care of the Greens is everyone's responsibility. Any misuse should be reported to the police immediately.

#### Registration Committee - Virginia Shaw

There are 411 eligible registered voters as of this meeting. Residents are urged to vote in the November referendum.

#### Safety Committee - Jim Brooks

The traffic signs are on order.

The County Police patrol (a joint contract with Ardentown) will continue through October. The police patrol 2 or 3 times a week and on weekends. Could we ask them to patrol at especially sensitive times?

Parking problems, especially on the Green, continue. People across from the Green have put rocks on the edges of their property to discourage parkers. These must be removed, parking is allowed there. Some suggestions offered: close Inn lane between the Greens, surround the Green with railroad ties, paint a no-parking sign on the street so it can't be stolen. The Safety Committee must have a plan to solve the problem by January Town Assembly.

Harvey Rd. Safety. Discussion is continuing with Mr. McBride, the traffic engineer, and Representative Gwenn Smith. Signs warning of curves have been erected. The County is working on a budget appropriation for road repairs.

The committee was asked to consider road dips on Millers Rd. to discourage speeding.

An Arden resident, an ex-policeman, has volunteered to be a town constable. He is currently in hospital, but when he has recovered the committee will thoroughly research this idea.

#### Advisory Committee - Hugh Roberts

Complaints have been received about the condition of several leaseholds. Since it is uncomfortable for one neighbor to complain to a resident, it is best for neighbors to join forces in making a complaint to the police.

Moved that the Town Assembly request that the Millsteins take action to correct conditions on their leasehold at 2328 Cherry Lane. Complaints have been received from numerous residents concerning excessive traffic, offensive noise, lack of upkeep, and unneighborly conduct. If the situation does not improve within 45 days, we urge the Arden Trustees to take all possible action to solve the problem.

Discussion. The tenants have been approached by Trustees and neighbors and have been uncooperative. Should neighbors keep a record of specific offenses? No, the general feeling of dissatisfaction is sufficient reason to contact the owners. Motion passed unanimously, copies of the motion to be sent to the tenant, Thomas Burton, and the rental agent, Robert Wynn.

#### Old Business

Fire Company donation. The Town Assembly voted at the March



meeting to withhold the 1982/83 donation until the September meeting hoping the political upheaval between Claymorg and Hanby Corners would be resolved. The donation was to be reconsidered in September.

Moved that the Town Assembly release the \$500 donation from the current budget to the Claymont Fire Company.

Discussion.

Pro: Claymont Fire Company has been serving Arden this year. We will be dependent on them until the dissension is resolved. Even if Hanby Corners is authorized, we will still need Claymont as a back-up and we do not want to jeopardize our safety.

Con: Claymont has not been giving us adequate service. They have expelled 40 members, closed the Marsh Rd. sub-station, and removed the ambulance. They have not made public their financial records in spite of repeated demands. Both our State Representatives, Charles Hebner and Gwenn Smith, and our Senator, Myrna Bair, support the Hanby Corners Company.

Moved that the Town Assembly release the \$500 donation for fire protection from the 1982/83 budget, \$250 to Claymont Fire Company, \$250 to Hanby Corners Fire Association.

Motion passed, 21 aye, 14 nay.

Moved that an extra \$300 be included in the 1983/84 budget for the Hanby Corners Association if they become an authorized fire company. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Moved that Mary Burslem replace Beverly Barnett on the Playground Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Good and Welfare.

Your individual support for the Hanby Corners Association is urged. They need your funds and your encouragement.

Meeting Adjourned.

Addendum to Safety Committee Report.

It was brought to the committee's attention that the Town Watch Program is currently non-functioning due to the illness of Bart Passanante, the coordinator. This program has been an effective method of crime and vandalism prevention in the past; it is important that it be maintained. Gail Rinehart volunteered to assume the coordinating duties.