

A special meeting requested by a petition signed by more than 25 registered voters was held on July 6, 1953 to "discuss, clarify and approve the duties and powers of the Arden Safety Committee", with Trustee Wain presiding.

After a quorum was declared present Mr. Kenneth Albough, Chairman of the Safety Committee presented his report as follows:

Mr. Ernest Salway at a town assembly held in May (at which there was no quorum) suggested that the trustees of the three communities meet with the Safety Committee to discuss reckless driving problem. This meeting was held on July 21, 1953. At this time it was suggested that since the Arden roads are private the Trustees deny the use of the roads to anyone who has been denied the privilege of driving on them driving recklessly. The Safety Committee does not endorse this proposal because they do not feel residents can be denied access to his home.

The Safety Committee recommends:

1. Right to set speed limit of 20 miles per hour
2. Right to restrict parking in certain areas
3. Control of vandalism should be responsibility of the parents.
4. If town insists that Safety Committee be responsible for this, then they should have right to subpoena witnesses.

Members of the Committee are Kenneth Albough, Oliver Pahn, Frank Carroll, Morris Rosen, Myron Enomel - Edna Page and Ruth Dolmetsch asked to help committee

A motion was made and later withdrawn that the Town Assembly accept the proposal that the Safety Committee be empowered to request that complaints to appear before a magistrate to testify against violators.

The Safety Committee stated that they do not want police power, nor do they want to attempt to control vandalism. It was pointed out that the duties and powers of the Safety Committee have never been definitely outlined. After considerable discussion concerning what powers could be legally delegated to the Safety Committee Mr. I. B. Frankelstein said that he felt we needed legal advice as to what rights we have to enforce laws in the town in respect to drinking.

Mr. Samuel Freeman proposed the following motion that was passed unanimously: 'That a legal committee be selected to get a legal interpretation of the powers of the Town Assembly and the Trustees to enforce safety regulations and to find out what services the police are empowered to give the town. Also in the meantime the Safety Committee should refer to the Trustees complaints, violators and names of witnesses and the Trustees shall swear out warrants and take action against offenders and that authority be amplified by support of the Town Assembly. The legal committee shall consist of three people.

Following people were suggested to serve on the committee: Samuel Freeman, John Walker, Jacob Bulick, Ernest Wilson, Harold Leshem, Philip Cohen, Wm. Taylor, Caleb Frote.

It was suggested that the Safety Committee ask the State Highway to place stop signs at all intersections of that road and Harvey Road. It was also suggested that they check all blind corners and have them corrected.

Mr. Eugene Shaw stated that the Sherwood Road might be a state road because the Arden school is located on it. This will be checked.

An motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Morley