



VILLAGE OF ARDEN TOWN ASSEMBLY MARCH 23, 2020

Town Meeting Minutes



JUNE 22, 2020

Next Town Assembly for the Village of Arden 7:30 p.m. Gild Hall
2119 The Highway, Arden, Delaware

The following notice was sent out to residents via email, Village website & Ardenistas Face Book prior to town meeting.

Tonight (Monday, March 23, 2020) the Village of Arden will conduct our town meeting and elections for committees and officers.

We will be doing some things differently tonight than we normally do given the constraints and safety concerns we all are facing with the Coronavirus. I want to highlight and make sure everyone understands how we will conduct both town meeting and elections.

1. Town Meeting will be conducted both via conference call and in person at the Buzz Ware Village Center. If the weather allows, the in-person meeting will be conducted outside. However, **we encourage everyone to take full advantage of the conference call.**

- a. To call into the conference call dial

1-480-660-5347

- b. Once the call is answered you will be asked to enter a code – Dial

161251

- c. You will be entered into the call. Please state your name and make sure that we capture your attendance.
2. Once we begin the meeting, we will present a motion to suspend all business except elections. Assuming we approve the motion, then we will move directly to in person voting. If you did not already vote via absentee ballot, then you

will need to come to the Buzz to vote. We will do everything we can follow the guidelines from the DPH.

a. Please come, vote and leave.

3. I will adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

General notes

This is our first time using a conference call. Please be patient. If you have problems connecting then either call or text me at 302-383-0429 so I can try to help.

Voting will continue until 9:30 pm. Please maintain a safe distance from each other (6 ft at least). Social distancing is key to reducing the spread of the virus.

Please bring your own pen.

We will have sanitizer onsite.

Vote counting will be completed tonight.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me.

General Safety

The best way for us to help reduce the spread of this virus and get through this pandemic is to follow the guidance and directives from that state of Delaware. The advice that the Village has received is simple and key for helping to reduce the rate of spread of this virus.

1. Social Distancing – keep your distance. Generally, it is thought that 1 infected person infects 5 additional people. So keeping your distance from each other is key to preventing rapid spreading.
2. Cover your cough.
3. Wash your hands frequently.
4. Wipe down and disinfect surfaces.

Jeffrey

302-383-0429

ATTENDANCE

To reduce the spread of virus the Village Secretary entered names of call-ins and those who attended meeting into the sign-in attendance log.

Call-In = CI

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| Mike | Curtis | 1 | | Denis | O'Regan | 36 | CI |
| Irene | O'Connor | 2 | | Betty | O'Regan | 37 | CI |
| Jeffrey | Politis | 3 | | Sue | Rothrock | 38 | CI |
| Cecilia | Vore | 4 | | Rick | Rothrock | 39 | CI |
| Rick | Smyth | 5 | | Gary E | Quinton | 40 | CI |
| Elizabeth | Resko | 6 | | David | Michelson | 41 | CI |
| Danny | Schweers | 7 | | Elizabeth | Varlev | 42 | |
| Pam | Cohen | 8 | | Larry | Walker | 43 | |
| Barbara | Macklem | 9 | | Mark | Wood | 44 | CI |
| Vicki | Scott | 10 | | Jill | Althouse-Wood | 45 | CI |
| Ray | Seigfried | 11 | | Jennifer | Borders | 46 | |
| Marcia | Scheflen | 12 | | Walter | Borders | 47 | |
| John | Scheflen | 13 | | Alan | Burslem | 48 | CI |
| Barbara | Henry | 14 | | Maria | Burslem | 49 | CI |
| Laura | Wallace | 15 | | Maren | Wood | 50 | CI |
| Grace E | Ressler | 16 | | Heidi | Hoegger | 51 | CI |
| Marv | Vernon | 17 | CI | DeLa | Mullenberg Bryan | 52 | CI |
| Sam | Panella | 18 | CI | Rob | Bryan | 53 | CI |
| Ruth | Panella | 19 | CI | Katherine | Threefoot | 54 | |
| Lisa | Mullinax | 20 | CI | Carol | Larson | 55 | |
| Garv | Mullinax | 21 | CI | Cynthia | Cox | 56 | |
| Ed | Rohrbach | 22 | CI | Steve | Benigni | 57 | |
| Elaine | Hickey | 23 | CI | Skip | Bailey | 58 | |
| Ellen | Dolmetsch | 24 | CI | Beverly | Clendening | 59 | |
| Jack | Dolmetsch | 25 | CI | Leannan | Harcourt-Brooke | 60 | CI |
| Brooke | Bovard | 26 | CI | George | Vernon | 61 | CI |
| Tiernan | Harcourt- | 27 | CI | Patrick | Barrv | 62 | |
| Stephen | Harcourt | 28 | CI | Carl | Falco | 63 | |
| Deborah M | Ricard | 29 | CI | Lynda | Kolski | 64 | CI |
| Warren | Rosenkranz | 30 | CI | Oscar | Compo | 65 | CI |
| Julia | McNeil | 31 | CI | David | Jones | 66 | |
| Dan | McNeil | 32 | CI | William | Theis | 67 | |
| Phillip | McNeil | 33 | CI | Toby | Ridings | 68 | |
| Sadie | Somerville | 34 | | Clay | Ridings | 69 | |
| Rodney | Jester | 35 | | Peter | Compo | 70 | |

1.0 Call to Order – Chairman Jeffrey Politis called meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. (quorum verified) at the Buzz Ware Village Center.

2.0 You may attend our town meeting by telephone! The state of emergency declared by the governor allows for phone-in attendance at meetings. Call 1-480-660-5347 and enter 161251 at the prompt. We need a quorum to start the meeting, including those attending by telephone. Note that you cannot vote in the committee and officer election by telephone. (See below.)

Motion presented by Village Chair Jeff Politis:

The first order of business at the March 23, 2020, town meeting will be a motion to suspend all regular agenda items except for the committee and officer election; voting to continue until 9:30 p.m.; regular business to resume at the next town meeting. **Motion Approved**

3.0 Election of Officers & Committee – Barbara Macklem

Barbara read the following statement:

Election of Committees and Officers

Ballots are distributed and collected at the start of the meeting, but voting continues throughout the meeting for latecomers.

OPENING STATEMENT:

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS – MARCH 23,
2020

Tonight, the Registration Committee will conduct the annual election of Standing Committees and Officers. The vote is by secret ballot. All residents who have lived in the Village for at least six months (6) and are eighteen (18) years or older are eligible to vote in this election.

The deadline for nominations from the floor for this election was the Town Meeting on January 27th. The deadline for nominations from the Advisory Committee was the March Advisory Committee meeting on March 2nd. There are sufficient candidates for each position to be elected.

We will now distribute the ballots. Voting will continue throughout the meeting for latecomers. You must hand in your ballot by the end of the meeting.

Please read your ballot carefully. In some instances, you may vote for one candidate; most committees are electing two. This year the Registration Committee is electing three members. There is also space for write-in candidates. If you vote for too many candidates, your vote for that committee will be disqualified.

This year, votes will be counted here at the BWVC after the Town Meeting, due to the current state-wide emergency. All are welcome to attend. Results will be posted on the bulletin boards and the village website on Wednesday, March 25th.

The Registration Committee conducted the election of committee members and officers.

4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Seconded and approved. Adjournment meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Resko, Town of Arden Secretary

Postcard reminders and agenda will be mailed prior to next Town Assembly meeting

All are welcome hither

Please note: Those attending Town Meetings are eligible to vote who are 18 years of age, or older.