The regular meeting of the Town Assembly was held on January 29, 1955, at the Guild Hall with trustee [name] presiding.

After a quorum was declared present, the minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the State Highway Department referred to a request for a stop light at the intersection of Marshall and Harry roads was read. The letter stated that a more adequate road signal would be installed.

The financial report of the Trustees was read and a copy is on file. [Name] read a statement from the Trustee referring to a letter from them to the May 1954 meeting. This letter had referred to a petition and a letter from a lawyer engaged by two residents of Curlew asking that the Trustees not open the lots in the Sherman Forest. This letter stated that the Trustees felt the question of the rights of the Trustees to lease land had been questioned and that the question to the question would have to be answered by the County Chancery.

The Trustees reported they had retained William Pickett as their attorney. He had prepared a draft of complaint for the Trustees that his fee seemed excessive. The Trustees settled the bill for $50 for work done up to that date. The Trustees have checked further and believe that the matter can be resolved for an expenditure of about $200.00 and they have informed the homeowners that they propose to engage counsel to obtain the opinion that they need.
In order to be adhered to, it is to carry out the terms of the Trust. A copy of the report is in the file.

There was considerable discussion of the report but a motion was made and passed that the Trustees report be filed for future action.

Cemeter Committee reported town work being carried out regularly. Two benches are to be constructed at the pool. Report accepted.

Assessors - Budget: No report.

Community Planning Committee: Had a meeting and discussed damage done by the hurricane. They will get in touch with the Civic Committee concerning planting of trees from the money to other spots in town.

Registration committee reported that the totals of the Budget were all accepted by the November referendum and that the following Assessors were elected: Frank Harmon, Henry Anhey, Samuel Freeman, Cecil Lefever, John Walz, John Page, Edmund Curtis.

By Treasurers committee had one report but Mr. John Page requested that they study the definition of a resident in a parcel in the Bylaw and to see if there is any legal way to change our definition to meet with the requirement of the deed of Trustee that could place more responsibility upon the resident to be placed on the resident charter. It was suggested they ask a lawyer in town for an opinion.

The Registration committee conducted the elections for three members of the Budget
Committee are declared following elected:
Alon Williams, Fred Wegenman, Harold Mowry.

The following were nominated to serve on the Ami Committee to be elected at the March meeting: George Cleaver, Dean Tanguay, Arthur Stevenson.

Mr. Henry carefully made the following motion: "I move it resolved for the good of order that the Trustees be requested to refrain in any action leading to new leases of town commitment, woodlands and that no further monies be expended for this purpose."

The motion was discussed fully. Ethel Brooks stated that there had never been any question of rights of Trustees to lease land but that it is a question of what is best for the town. The frost acts as a broken protecting barrier from rapidly encroaching communities.

Mr. Edmeades feels there is no need to check legality of the action of the Trustees, that ownership of the land by the Trustees is not owner. If the land but our trustees for the shareholders the wishes of the shareholders should be considered in this case.

Another resident stated the Trustees were not acting democratically in the instance and had made no attempts to bring this matter to an amicable agreement. To enter the courts would entail a lot of unnecessary research and expense.

Mr. Mowry stated that he did not recall that the petition threatened any legal action, that some of the residents to sign the
petition had been asked not to make statements and substantiated by facts. He felt that before going to court that the whole question be studied thoroughly.

Mr. J. Finkelstein stated that he would be willing to meet with those who do not want to leave the woodlands.

One resident felt it is the moral if not legal duty to carry out the desires of the majority of the residents.

There was some discussion concerning the waiting list and the fact that other people had asked for land in Arden and have been told that there were no lands available.

Mr. Jaffe stated that he felt the Trustees had still right to open up any land and that he as one of the people who had applied for the land in writing would not give up in the fight to have this matter settled.

It was suggested that a committee for the Town Assembly and the Trustees should get together and try to establish an amicable settlement of the issue.

Meanwhile as no land had been opened in the woodlands for some time it seemed as though a precedent had been established and that Arden had become a closed corporation and some of the residents would not accept the way the Trustees would go in opening the common.

Mr. Jaffe asked his charge to withdraw his motion but the motion came to a vote and was approved.
A motion was made and passed that the Town Assembly delegate a committee of three to meet with the Trustees of Order to settle the matter of new lease as soon as possible.

The following were nominated: Edith War, Harold W. Macy, Bert Seghman, Michael Jeff, Valerus Williams, Henry Aughen, Earl Belford, Edna Page, Arthur Sperand, Samuel Freeman.

The Registration Committee conducted the election and reported the following elected: Bert Seghman, Harold Macy, and Brothers.

Safety Committee to handle the situation of teachers of green by correspondence.

P. War said that a special meeting will be called concerning the water situation and proposed development of Mormon and Mulholl Road by 400 house.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Macy