



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

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		Garv E	Ouinton	40	CI
Elizabeth	Resko	6		David	Michelson	41	CI
Danny	Schweers	7		Elizabeth	Varley	42	
Pam	Cohen	8		Larry	Walker	43	
Barbara	Macklem	9		Mark	Wood	44	CI
Vicki	Scott	10		Jill	Althouse-Wood	45	CI
Rav	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
Mary	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	Barry	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	
				Cecilia	Vore	71	

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

All residents who are 18
years of age and who have lived in the Village for 6 months or more as
their primary residence are eligible to vote at the Town Meetings, in
Referendums, in Trustee Elections and other Arden elections.