

# Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 8 January 2004

**PRESENT:** Lou Bean, Rick Grier-Reynolds, Sue Rothrock, Ken Sutton, and Jacqi Tanzer. Also present, Danny Schweers, Secretary. Absent was Deborah Kenney. Sue Rothrock called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**LEAF REMOVAL:** At last meeting, we OK'd leaf removal policy. Memorial Garden paid for their leaf removal.

**TREE REMOVAL:** Broadbent's tree still has not been removed.

**SNOW PLOW:** Snow plowing was discussed and we have a contract with Jim Burslem to plow. Next year we need to get bids out by August.

**SIGNS FOR COMMONS:** Signs for the Commons are waiting until we resolve budget and cash flow problems, which we expect to resolve in the next two weeks.

**DRAINAGE:** Last meeting we discussed Hous house's drainage on Fire Lane, the old house with brown shingles, that we only take care of drainage in road, not on their property. This sounds like an issue for the Trustees, but they say no. This problem has existed since 1960s.

**PATH POSTS:** Nothing has happened yet with path sign posts. Perhaps we can buy the posts from Dave Burslem, get Walter Broadbent to carve the posts, pay him for that, and thus use most of the grant money that needs to be spent by 4th Monday in March.

**BEER GARDEN:** Alton Dahl has been after Wayne Knotts to install the drain pipe but nothing has happened yet. We want this done by spring so Beer Garten can be graded and seeded.

**MINI-GARDENS:** Jacqi will take care.

**MANAGER OF TOWN WORKS:** Discussion of pros and cons.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:** New person managing this area who actually returns calls. Sue has five recycling bins ready to hand out. Jacqi takes one. Some people who pick up recycling cannot read, so it helps when everyone. Plastic, cans, and all colors of glass can be in one bin. Newspapers need to be in paper bags. Cardboard needs to be flat. Ken wants a red tub, too.

**ELECTIONS:** Rick and Ken willing to run again. We need two additional nominees. If Deborah leaves, we need four additional nominees, total.

**DRUMS IN THE SPRING HOUSE.** We would like to get rid of them. Three have lids. Will offer those three to the Arden Club to use for recycling. Haven't been used for ten years.

**BUDGET:** Need to make forecast for 2007-2008. Lower trash collection. Forests and commons will go up \$1,000 next year and \$2,000 the year after. We need to be planting good trees as old ones come down. Keep it at \$22,000/year. We have lots of bad trees along Sunset Lane that need to come down. Roads have slowly increased to \$19,000. This budget item has, at times, gone to Commons and Forests. Special cleanup is \$2,000.

**T-MOBILE:** They can put up a pole on any commercial property where an existing utility pole exists. They did this in Hockessin. They are not likely to come back to Arden.

**ROADS:** Lots of sealing has come undone. Sue says we paid \$3,000 extra last year to seal cracks, a lot of which has not lasted, perhaps because cracks weren't clean or dry before they were sealed. This year, workers did work for free to make up for last year's poor work.

**FENCE:** Split rail fence damaged on Millers Road near Marsh needs to be repaired. Lou Bean will examine after getting new rails from Larry Walker.

**FORESTS:** With aging forests, it may be good to allow folks to gather firewood from forests once these trees start coming down in quantity. We need to take down dead trees and perhaps thin the fast-growing and alien trees.

**HIDEOUS SEA OATS:** Several complaints about them choking nearby plants, spreads, grow too high and are ugly. Bev Barnett did a lot of this work, was caring for them. Jacqi will be bid on having them removed. Need to be removed within one foot of specimen plants at least, if not totally removed.

**NEXT MEETING:** 1st Meeting of every month? Yes. February 4 will be next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at about 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danny N. Schweers  
Secretary, Village of Arden