

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 3 March 2004

Present: Lou Bean, Rick Grier-Reynolds, Deborah Kenney, Sue Rothrock, and Ken Sutton. Also present, Danny Schweers, Secretary. Absent was Jacqi Tanzer.

Called to order at 7:35 PM

SPLIT RAIL FENCE REPAIR. Lou Bean will take care of split rail fence on Millers Road tomorrow.

NOMINEES: Natalile Hubbard and David Gerbeck will be nominated at the Town Meeting later this month.

SIGNS: Dave Burslem has started design of posts. We will do what can be done on the project by the end of month when money needs to be spent. Money can also be used on other needed projects. These will be 4x4 cedar posts with names engraved in side.

TOWN PROPERTY USED BY LEASEHOLDERS: Sue suggests that some roads, paths and fire lanes used by residents be included in leaseholds. People are using town land as part of their leaseholds without paying land rent on the land. Including the land into the leasehold would remedy this situation if the roads, paths, or fire lanes are no longer used by the Village. Discussion ensued about whether efforts should be undertaken to preserve existing roads, paths and fire lanes or, if they aren't going to be maintained, then made part of leaseholds. In one place, a fire lane was paved, but now is deteriorating, but we don't pave fire lanes, just keep them clear, leaving leaseholders there with deteriorating asphalt and now way of improving the situation. Another problem is a road where people are parking and neighbor is complaining. Similar encroachment situation exists on border with Sherwood Forest and Sunset Court. Birdhouses were put in to mark town land but they've disappeared. Now there are sheds are on village land, grass clippings get dumped there, land is mowed instead of being preserved as forest. There it might be good idea to put up a split rail fence to clearly delineate border. This worked with Buckingham Greene. Committee agrees to get price on fencing on Sunset Lane and along Sunset Court.

WOODS SURVEY: Complete for Arden Woods with enough money left over to pay for a presentation. March 20 or 27 would be good evenings for presentation by botanist and biologist.

BUDGET: Our bond bill project has new paperwork. \$10,000 is expected before end of fiscal year, which would cover the \$9,000 we have already spent on roads.

NEXT YEAR'S BOND BILL PROJECTS: We need to consider drainage, curbing, etc. for next meeting.

TOWN MEETING MARCH 22: Be there to vote.

SPRING CLEANUP: Hope for warmer day, perhaps end of April, not good because of vacations. May 1 is Memorial Garden clean up, May 8 is Buzz Ware Village Center auction, so May 15 may be the earliest we can have it.

WALK AROUND: Last year we divided roads up into three sections, examined three sections, compiled a master list of needed repairs, then Sue went around with Downing representative, who then make a bid on the repairs. This worked quickly for us and for Downing. Sue reports seeing water coming out of cracks in asphalt, as though we have artesian roads. Will establish plan for Walk Around at next meeting.

BEER GARDEN (ARDEN CLUB GROVE). Wayne Knotts needs to be pressed into the work for which he has already received half his fee.

DRUMS IN SPRING HOUSE: George Brocklesby fears recycling drums will collect trash. Sue suggests lid with sign and that seemed to satisfy George. These can be put out for Swim Guild. We have 55-gallon size drums, a dozen in the Spring House. Perhaps we auction some at BWVC auction!

SPECIAL PROJECT: Tilt Cherry Lane towards Craft Shop so that area drains into Miller Road.

NEXT MEETING OF CIVIC COMMITTEE: April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:00 p.m.

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