

Present : Sue Rothrock, chair , Lou Bean, Walter Broadbent, Rick Grier-Reynolds, Aaron Hamburger, and Ken Sutton

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of previous meeting, prepared by Danny Schweers were distributed.

Sue noted that this was the last meeting of the Arden year. She thanked Walter and Aaron for their terms on the civic committee.

Old Business :

Meadow Lane Bridge : We have received a check from the trash company for repairs for the full amount of the bid . Ken will contact Anthony Borcello to begin the work.

Beer Garden Drainage : Contract has been signed. Most of the payment will come from a one- time grant to local governments which is deferred revenue from 1999.

Street Signs : Lou said some of them need to be replaced. Sue said that we are going to make a list of those needing replaced during the annual spring walkabout.

Nominees : Sue noted the list of nominees for the election. They are : Dave Gerbec, Deb Kenny, Ray McDevitt, Mike Sutton, Jacqui Tanzer, Dion Taylor, Tom Wheeler, and herself.

Omnipoint Communications : Aaron volunteered to be the civic contact with the negotiations with Omni and Steven Threefoot, town chair. He would be a special civic volunteer for this project. This was unanimously approved. Rick asked about the payment we will receive from Omni. If Omni rents space on their tower do we receive more rent for the space ? Aaron said there are FCC regulations regarding the amount of equipment allowed on the tower but it should be looked into.

New Business:

Trail Grant : We have received another grant for \$951 for trails. We have \$661 still in the account. We have talked about re-laying Patro's Path in a manner that it will not sink into the ground again. We received a bid from Turf Management for \$3330. This covers all materials and labor. The path would be excavated 4 inches, landscaping cloth laid down, a gravel base put down, then the stones reinstalled with stone dust. This would prevent grass from growing through. Discussion followed and it was decided that we should get another bid.

Storm Drain Report : The report is due. Sue and Rick will be working on it. We need to assign someone to do stream watch monitoring and storm drain monitoring. Currently, Marianne Cinaglia has the test kits. Rick volunteered to contact Marianne about this.

Budget : Sue went over the budget stating appropriated and actual costs of the past year. The roads budget was high due to approx. \$9000 in snow plowing. Special trash pickup was also high. Sue suggested we raise our forecast for trash pickup because of the gas surcharge costs increasing.

Woods Cleanup : We set a date of April 12th for the woods cleanup. We need extra volunteers this year to help count as volunteer time for the Arden Woods survey. We have received notice that we will definitely be getting the grant. We need someone else to head the project

Special Pickup : Special pickup date will either be April 16th or 19th whichever the trash company can accommodate. Notices will be sent out when the date is set.

Street Aid : Sue will be writing the letter to Wayne Smith's office asking for street aid for a special project. Suggestions were : drainage problem at Barnett/Dahl leasehold, Storm drain at Sutton's, Crack filling , winter storm repair (potholes), or a major road surface repair.

Ken again thanked Walter and Aaron for their terms on civic .
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rothrock,chair