

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 4 January 2006 - UNCORRECTED

Sue Rothrock called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Lou Bean (member emeritus), Steven Blades, David Gerbec, Sue Rothrock, Ann Schmittinger and Danny Schweers (secretary).

NOMINEE TO REPLACE DEBORAH KENNEY'S TERM: Dale Brumbaugh will be nominated at next town meeting (Monday, January 23, 2006) to serve through March, 2007.

TWO MORE COMMITTEE NOMINEES: Need four nominees for January meeting to fill the positions presently held by David Gerbec and Ann Schmittinger, whose terms are expiring. The new terms will be for two years, March, 2006, to March, 2008. These four nominations are in addition to nominating Dale Brumbaugh.

WOODS CLOSURE ORDINANCE: Will be introduced at the town meeting. Village had been renewing this year by year but it is time to make it permanent.

BROADBENTS' TREES: Started coming down today, making good progress. Forest Sub-committee has been handling this.

STREET FUNDS: Recently received \$8,000 grant through Wayne Smith and Cathy Clothier's offices, in addition to the \$18,000 State Municipal Street Aid from the State of Delaware.

POLICY CONCERNING MENACING TREES: What is a hazard? Sue says state has definitions that might be a good place to start work on our own policy. Please bring ideas to next meeting.

ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES: There is a question of enforcement of forest stewardship policy, for instance, policy about taking wood out of the forest, or residents extending their leasehold into the forest. (Policy now is that fallen trees may not be harvested by residents.) We might consult with other, older residents about how village has dealt with disputes in the past between village and residents. Surveys would help resolve some areas of contention, because we don't know, in many places, what is village land and what is leasehold.

POLICIES: Have traffic policies and road policies. Town Secretary is collecting policies and will put them on the website.

RECYCLING: Shall we do Electronic Recycling again in April? Cost us \$100 last year to hire Larry Walker to recycle computers, TVs, etc. APPROVED. What about recycling of Christmas trees? There are a bunch out to be picked up as trash. Can we do this for Arden? Maybe haul them down to state park rather than grinding them up ourselves. Let's work on this next fall. Ardentown's mulching station is for their residents alone, partially funded by a grant for which we could apply, perhaps to set up recycling bins near BWVC and Arden Club, especially for Gild Hall dinners and parties.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Has this been discussed before? asked Ann. Sue says yes, but problem is where to put it, in a community that uses all the Arden and Sherwood Greens for Arden Fair. One suggestion is to use newly opened land where trees are being taken down next to Broadbents' leasehold.

FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE: It will continue for another year. Could have nominations at this month's town meeting for this committee, to further their independence. APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Schweers, Secretary