

Civic Committee
Minutes of Meeting 3/12/08
Minutes-Annie Schmittinger

Present: Sue Rothrock, Dale Brumbaugh, Steven Blades, Dave Gerbec, Annie Schmittinger

Called to order: 7:45 p.m.
Minutes 2/6/08 meeting approved.

#1 Nominees – Needed by next Town Meeting 3/24/08. Carol Larson-Compo has agreed to run. Potential nominees are Greg Morrison & Carol Ann Wilcock. Dave Gerbec will not be on the ballot.

#2 Snow Plowing - This year plowing has been light, however, a lot of salting. Taking extra care to salt during ice storms and especially Pond Lane. Total spent thus far this year on snow plowing \$1300.00.

#3 Road Excavation - New permit from United Water to be done at Sherwood & The Highway due to complaints of low water pressure.

#4 Budget - 3 yr. projected budget - same as last year: Snow plowing separated out with \$3,000 contingency; Roads - \$35,000; Trash & Special Pick Up - \$48,000. Anticipated that trash will increase.

#5 New Item: BIG OAK - Bartlett Tree Experts examined tree on Green and recommends deadwooding & cleaning the crown & thinning out to ensure tree health. Bartlett also conducted a soil sample around the tree and noted very low on sodium soluble salt, potassium, calcium & boron. High on iron & zinc. Recommends treating with

gypsum & regular fertilizer like "Boost." Also recommends mulching under & around tree. Soil erosion already 6"; roots sticking up 10" - 12" - Need at least 4" mulch. Fresh tree shavings NOT GOOD for mulching. No fungi on tree.

#6 Soccer Goal Posts around BWVC- Pose a high health risk factor for injury or worse due to not being staked into ground. Sue spoke with Mary Vernon, Chair of Playground Committee, & advised that Civic recommends they come down if not staked. Mary indicated that playground would follow Civic's recommendations, & take soccer goal posts down. Noted tonight that one goal post is moved, the other remains. Sue will check to see if staked & contact Mary again.

#7 Mowing Contract - Seth van Neerden/Turning Leaf offered same price for this year's mowing as last year's contract. (Last year we received 2 extra cuts due to heavy rains) Committee accepts proposal to renew.

#8 Town Bulletin Boards - Sue to place notice signs on bulletin boards advising that all notices will be removed from boards at end of every month. Ads for services larger than a business card will be removed. This is necessary to ensure information about Arden events & other info concerning the community is posted.

#9 BWVC Bulletin Board - Sue spoke with Jim Burslem about constructing a BB for BWVC. Sue gave Jim same design as BB on Green. Jim will give Committee a price by next meeting.

#10 Field Theater Fee - Sue advised that at some point it was decided that no fee would be charged for use of Field Theater during a public event and that a \$100 fee would be charged for a private event. Sue received a private request to use Field Theater without payment. Does Committee wish to continue imposing a fee? After discussion decided that \$100 fee for private events will be charged.

#11 Sherwood Green Damage - Discussion continues regarding ongoing problem with damage to Green due to parking for Gild Hall events. Most notably, recent Buckwheat Zydeco concert resulted in heavy damage to Green because of heavy rains. Problem brought up at 2/08 Arden Club meeting. Decided that the project to solve this problem will have to be addressed by Civic, Arden Club & Community Planning committee. Discussion regarding Town land adjacent to Bonnie Phillips leasehold that has been appropriated & blacktopped & used as driveway. Sue advised that Connee McKinney has no record of permission being given to Phillips to do this, although, understanding is that Aaron gave Phillips' permission to do this. This area and tree-lined area that includes weed trees b/t Phillips' & Sherwood Green is prospective location for angled-in parking. Also considered reopening the 30' road between the Green and Phillips' leasehold & re-opening portion/s of Sunset Rd. Whatever is done will have to be approved at Town Meeting. Dave knows of a European product used for parking areas which consists of a honeycomb grid & filled with materials which are held in place by the grid. Dave

will check on availability and pricing.

#12 Green Lane Encroachment - Noted that leaseholders have added another apparatus which is encroaching on right-of-way. Sue has drafted a letter to the leaseholders requesting they remove fence & trellis. Letter approved to send to leaseholders.

#13 Cressman Encroachment - Issues resolved. Hillside Rd. fence will be moved back even further than Committee recommendation at the leaseholder's suggestion due to possible damaging of additional bushes. Millers Rd. fence will be brought back to line at the time any repairs are made, however, noted that by moving fence back, strong likelihood of erosion into Millers Rd & these costs would be born by the Town.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting April 2, 2008.