

March 12, 2004

TO: Steven Threefoot, Chairman, Arden Town Assembly
Danny Schweers, Town Secretary
Elizabeth Varley, Secretary to the Arden Trustees
Lynda Kolski, chair, Avery Task Force
FR: Cecilia Vore, Chair, Registration Committee
RE: Avery Referendum

This letter is a report on the results of the referendum to purchase the Avery property adjoining the Sherwood Forest.

Ballots were counted on Thursday, March 11. To our best calculation, there were 357 residents eligible to vote in this referendum. It has been our practice for the past several years to make a minor adjustment for college students living away from home who do not vote. At this referendum, the adjustment was 3, giving us a total of 354 "residents." We received 285 valid envelopes containing ballots; there was 80.5% participation.

Under the rules for approval, the referendum needed 178 "Approve" votes to pass. We received 260 votes to "Approve" and 24 to "Disapprove," thereby passing the referendum.

The Registration Committee members who conducted the election were: Beverly Barnett, Lizzie Broadbent, and myself, plus Danny Schweers, town secretary. The Town Secretary will be given the originals of the record sheets used for this referendum.

Respectfully,

Cecilia Vore