

**Arden Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023**  
**Via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Attending: Garrett Colgan–Snyder, Deborah Ricard, Bob Erenburg, David Gerbec, and Vicki Scott

- Garrett Colgan-Snyder, Convenor, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm with five members present via Zoom.
- **A Motion was Made** to nominate Debbie Ricard and Garrett Colgan-Snyder as Co-Chairs of the Budget Committee. The Motion passed.
- **A Motion was Made** to nominate Vicki Scott as Secretary. The Motion passed.
- Garrett confirmed that all members read and understood the Conflict of Interest and FOIA Policy.
- **A Motion was Made** and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of 3/16/23.
- Members agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule of the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm via Zoom with one exception. Dates are as follows:  
5/18/23, 6/15/23, \*7/18/23 – *Tuesday*, no meeting in August, 9/21/23, 10/19/23, 11/16/23, no meeting in December, 1/18/24, 2/15/24, 3/21/24.
- Ray Seigfried, Chair of Government Task Force, requested time at a future Budget Committee meeting. Members would like Ray to submit a written request so that we are informed of his topic of interest and can be prepared for a conversation in advance.
- The committee has been asked to make a short presentation at the June town meeting on the NCC reassessment and potential impact to Arden’s budget. Debbie is taking the lead on this action, members will assist as requested.
- Some discussion took place on how the prudent reserve is calculated and if a different method might produce a better result. This topic would require input from the Town Treasurer and the Trustees.
- Former member Brooke Bovard made a request to attend meetings. All agreed meetings are public and therefore open to all residents.
- David requested clarity on a request that was made to edit language surrounding the speed enforcement note on the budget ballot. Debbie will review the origin of this request and provide the language.

**ACTIONS:**

- Debbie will post prior meeting minutes to the Town web site.
- Debbie will draft the presentation for the town meeting.
- Debbie will contact Ray Seigfried and ask for a written request.
- Debbie will provide David with language edits on the ballot.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Scott