

Arden Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2023
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attending: Garrett Colgan-Snyder, Bob Erenburg, David Gerbec, Debbie Ricard, and Vicki Scott

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 pm.
- A **Motion was Made** and unanimously accepted to approve the Minutes from July 18, 2023.
- The meeting started with discussions about potential increases to committee budgets.
- Concern about upkeep of the Field Theatre surfaced.
- Members reviewed the most recent ballot and updates were made to several line items.
- Members were informed that the Civic Committee agreed to a reduction of \$5,000 that will be reallocated across the other committees.
- A question was raised as to whether Ardencroft and Ardentown help support the Arden Page and the Library – Garrett volunteered to investigate and report back.
- Discussion about how committees spend their budgets and whether all committee budgets should be increased took place.
- Deeper discussion about the responsibility of the Budget Committee in requiring committees to report on spending to the town ensued.
- A **Motion was Made** to accept the new committee budget allocations and donations as presented – Motion Passed.
- Note #5 on the back of the ballot needs to be revised.
- Note #1 on the back of the ballot needs to be revised.
- David Gerbec will add back in the ARPA money as income & expense and add in a note about this item.

ACTIONS:

- Debbie will post prior meeting minutes to the town web site.
- Garrett will investigate monetary support by other two towns.
- David will make updates to the budget ballot.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm