

# The Arrowsic Arrow

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## ***Town Hall News and Meetings:***

**Town Hall Hours: Wednesdays 3-5:30 PM, Fridays 8:30-11 AM phone 443-4609**

**The ZBA's regular meeting is first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm**— when we have business. Call Grace Stone with questions.

**Garbage Pickup dates:** March 31; April 14 & 28; May 12 & 26; and then weekly through the summer.

### **From the Town Clerk, Jane Peabody**

All dogs were due to be licensed by the end of January, after that the state imposes a late fee. Please make an effort to license the following dogs before April 1. If you no longer have a dog, let the Town Clerk know so she can update the Town records. Thank You!

Maggie Bunter, Shawna Burnham, Heidi Carey, Nutmeg Dube, Frannie Dunn, Rizzo Elwell, Josh Elwell, Tequila Fitzherbert, Sophie Galuza, Tenor Gilliam, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Benji and Spike MacMahan, Becca Markle, Brandy and Kayla McDonough, Patches McLeod, Rascal Mosier, ~~XXXX~~ and ~~Dony Paulard~~, Kritter Pinette, Tannie Puffer, Sam Phinney, Dozer and Harley Root, Spice Stuart, Kelly and Jake Watson, Duke Warner, and John White.

Any dogs 6 months or older must have a current rabies shot and certificate, and must be licensed.

### **From the Selectmen, Manli Ho, Chair:**

In the next few weeks, the Assessors will be sending notices to all property owners asking for a list of all their taxable properties (land and buildings), in accordance with Maine State Law (MRSA, Title 36, Sec. 706). The notification comes with a form which is to be filled out and returned to the Assessors by April 30. Please take a minute and fill this form out. Not only will it be enormously helpful in the assessment of properties, but the penalty for not doing so is loss of the right to apply for an abatement of taxes.

With Spring around the corner, the Assessors will be out doing the assessing thing, so please don't be alarmed if you see us poking about. In the meantime, Pat and Manli have completed yet another semester of assessing school and now have a whole year under their belts.

Anyone interested in working on shellfish conservation for Arrowsic please contact the Selectmen. Manli Ho, 443-3874; Pat Harcourt, 442-8122; Brian Scott, 443-3647 or 442-7409.

**Next Selectmen's meetings: March 20, April 10, April 24**

### **From the School Committee, Eloise Vitelli, Chair 443-4660**

Starting next fall we will only be able to pay private school elementary tuition costs up to the average tuition as set by the state. Our current policy is to pay to schools, public and private, up to the highest rate within the Union. We have recently been told that state law specifies that towns may not pay more than "the average per student cost in all public elementary schools in the state for the previous year." The maximum allowable tuition for private elementary school this year, based on last year's average, is \$3395.35.

We will let you know what the state average is for the next school year, fall 1995-96, as soon as we can. For this year, we will continue to pay private, and public school tuition based on our

existing policy. For 1994-95, this current year, Georgetown has the highest rate in the Union at \$4120.63; Bath is \$3289.45; Woolwich is \$3645.24, and West Bath is \$3576.98.

We will be providing more information on tuition and other school issues at a public meeting in early June, date still to be established. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to call one of your school committee members or the Superintendent's office

**The Georgetown School will be holding kindergarten screenings on May 9. Appointments are needed. To call for one: 371-2160**

**From Bill the Bus Driver,  
phone at Bert's Oil: 443-2212**

Having been successful in obtaining the Georgetown School Transportation Contract for the coming year, I will be able to offer transportation to and from Georgetown School as well as to and from Bath schools for Arrowsic elementary students. Service will be provided on Route 127 and the Old Stage Road to school in the morning and return the same roads in the afternoon.

Knowing bus service is available to both schools, I feel this will aid some parents when trying to decide where to enroll their children in school.

High school and middle school students will be bussed home with the Georgetown high school and middle school students in the afternoon, therefore eliminating the one hour wait for the Arrowsic bus. For those wishing to remain at school after dismissal, the Arrowsic PM bus will continue to operate on the same afternoon schedule.

Many of the students on the high school/middle school bus have already expressed their desire to catch the early bus home in the afternoon.

I would like to say at this time that I appreciate the support of the parents of Arrowsic students. every year you send me a great bunch of kids and I look forward to picking them up each day.

**From the Codes Enforcement Officer,  
David Foster**

Arrowsic Homeowners: As the Spring weather approaches and you plan building

projects, please be aware that additions of more than 100 square feet and accessory structures of more than 200 square feet require permits. The structures that don't require permits still must meet the setback requirements. Don't rely on your contractor to get the permit or to know the Ordinances for Arrowsic, it is your responsibility. Anything built on the ground is a structure except boundary fences. In the Shoreland all structures of any size require permits. If in doubt call Dave Foster at 443-2114.

### **Fire Department News, etc.**

**From Annie Nodine, with Thanks to the Georgetown Ambulance Service:**

The Georgetown Ambulance Service answered my call within minutes, I would say they are very efficient. I hop I never need their assistance again, but it's comforting to know they are close by if I do.

**What happens when you have a fire?**  
by Chief Don Bryant

### **Who gets the call?**

First get everyone to a safe place away from the fire. Dial 911. Don't call the fire chief, don't call the fire station or the sheriff, don't call your friends or neighbors. Call 911 first.

The operator/dispatcher that answers the phone will instantly press a notify tone that is heard by all Arrowsic Firefighters. Next, the dispatcher will ask you for information about your emergency, location, nature of the problem and such. The dispatcher is then able to relay that information directly over our radio/pagers to tell us where to go and what to expect. If the call is not urgent, we can always turn back or respond at a routine pace as directed by the dispatcher.

All firefighters in the county and have radio/pagers and are able to listen to other town calls. If the call is serious such as a house fire, many of these volunteers start to prepare for mutual aid. This greatly improves the response time if we call for help.

Under a contract called Mutual Aid each area town agrees to help its neighboring towns with resources in return for help when they need it. All of the Fire chiefs in the county meet regularly to discuss possible emergency scenarios and have provided dispatchers with a

set of instructions for each type of call. This helps the dispatcher know what to do and who to notify when a 911 call comes in. This also helps set prearranged policies and requests that firefighters in Arrowsic and other towns learn and can anticipate in their next actions.

### **Who's going to show up?**

If you have a fire of unknown size, smell smoke, or have alarm sounding about ten Arrowsic firefighters will begin to arrive in minutes. This is called a still alarm. They will bring three trucks. A brush truck which has 100 gals of water and lots of equipment such as pumps, generators, lights, tools, and hose. A Mini-pumper which has 200 gals of water and a 450 gal/minute pump, ladders, air packs, tools and more hose, and a tank truck which has 1000 gals of water, a pump, ladders, a portable folding water pond, a fan, air packs, tools and hose. All the trucks and the officers have radios to maintain communications with the dispatcher and other firefighters. At the same time these Arrowsic resources are headed to the fire scene, Georgetown is sending an engine with a crew to the Arrowsic Fire Station as back up.

If you have a confirmed house fire. (called a structure fire) the dispatcher is instructed immediately to announce what is called a first alarm. This will send fire trucks from Woolwich, Bath, West Bath, and Georgetown to the scene along with special equipment such as CMP to help with shutting down live wires and a mobile command center to help with communications. All of this equipment, along with the firefighters assigned with them are needed if we are to save lives and help with the advance of the fire. They can easily be turned back if not needed. All of the area towns use this same method of getting the needed help to the fire as quickly and as efficiently as possible. It has proven to work very well at major fires in the past.

Once all these folks arrive they have assigned jobs that they have been trained to do that will put the fire out as safely and quickly as possible while doing as little damage to your property as possible. The skills and professionalism needed in those first few minutes at the fire require hours of behind the scene preparation and training.

### **After the fire**

An investigation to determine origin and cause of the fire and a reporting process records as much information as possible for future analysis. Stabilization of the area and arrangement of additional services as needed is accomplished before everyone leaves.

If you are interested in this type of community service call any member of the fire department or come to our next meeting (every Sun Night at 5:00PM at the town hall or station)

### **From the Arrowsic Fire Department Boosters Association:**

As you do spring cleanup please save any usable items for our annual Summer Fund Raiser, THE YARD SALE at Town Hall. Pick up of items will be in June and July. More information in the next Arrow.

Also the Boosters have recently become the caretakers of the 1847 Hand Tub "Hecla" and will be looking for volunteers interested in joining a group to maintain, attend Musters, and other activities involving the "Hecla" The next Arrow will have more on the history and further plans for this antique fire equipment which will arrive in Arrowsic in early April. We will also be looking for under cover storage, at least for the winter months, as it is currently stored in Bath. The space required is about the same as for a car.

### **From the Naturally better Co-op**

We would like to extend an invitation to any one to join us. We are a "buying club" type of co-op who orders from NorthEast Co-op out of Brattleboro Vermont. They offer about 300+ categories of items, some organic and some not, in a newsletter type publication sent monthly. I have some of the last months books available if you are interested. Our schedule is listed below. If you have any questions, call Paul and Mona Schlein 443-3209 or myself, Prudy Foster, 443-2114, and we can give you more information. Generally, an order must be in by the second Tuesday of the month and pickup is the third Thursday. Our next order meeting is to be April 11 at 7 pm at my home, or you can call in the order to me before that. Our only requirements are,

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## Coop, continued

- 1) The food must be picked up on the pickup date and
  - 2) The food must be paid for that same night.
- I hope to see your order in the next pickup

### From The Salvation Army,

Lt. Ralph C. Fisher, Jr, Corps Officer:

The Salvation Army's food pantry is available for individuals and families that live in the following areas: Bath, West Bath, Five Islands, Georgetown, Small Point, Pejepsco, Phippsburg, Sebasco Estates, Woolwich, Arrowsic, Bailey Island, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Bowdoin, Topsham, Merepoint, Cundy's Harbor, Harpswell, Orrs Isalnd, South Harpswell. The food pantry's normal hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1pm to 4pm. In emergency situations we are available to help at different times. Just call and make sure someone is available. 443-3611

### From the Tax Collector, Barbara West

the following registrations are due in these months:  
(many have already paid)

#### January

#### February

#### March

#### April

AINSWORTH, CAROL A  
ALS PLUMBING & HEATING  
ARSENAULT, JAMES E  
BRAWN, CHARLES W  
CARLTON, CELIA  
DAVIS, NANCY A  
DUNN, FLOYD L JR  
GILES, SAMUEL D  
GILL, DEBORAH S  
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER J  
KAHRL, FRED J  
MILLER, ELLEN W  
PILARSKI, THOMAS J  
ROSS, WILLIAM L  
ROSS, WILLIAM L  
SHULTZ, ROBERT E  
SIMMONS, WILLARD  
SPAEN, GAIL E  
SPERLING, WALTER J  
STINSON, CARL N  
STINSON, LUCY E  
VONHUENE, ANDREAS

BRYANT, DONALD A  
CARLTON, DALE  
ELWELL, RICHARD  
ELWELL, RICHARD H  
FATSCHER, RUTH ANN  
FRYE, WARREN T  
HEATH, RALPH W  
KICKEN, RUDOLF  
KNIGHT, MILDRED E  
LOVEITT, WILBUR F  
MACMAHAN, NORMA J  
MARKLE, DEBRA L  
MCLUER, JOHN W  
MOORE, GEORGE D  
MORRISON, HOWARD P  
MOSIER, LARRY R  
MOUNT, PAMELA A  
NICHOLSON, ALLISON  
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER L  
NODINE, ANNIE  
PACKARD, NANCY  
PINETTE, ALFRED J  
PUFF, KATHLEEN S  
ROOT, DONALD N  
SCOTT, NANCY J  
SHUFELT, LESLIE A  
SHULTZ, ROBERT E  
SPENCER, DAVID M  
STAFFORD, GEORGE F  
SULLIVAN, CATHERINE C  
VITELLI, ELOISE A  
WALSH, LOUISE M  
WILSON, LAWRENCE  
WOLFE, LYNNE B

ANDERSON, DAVID K  
CAREY, JULIE A  
CARLTON, ANN M  
CHAFFEE, BARBARA  
CHAFFEE, JOHN  
COST, WILLIAM T JR  
DAVIS, SHELDON  
DEION, TAMMY  
DOYLE, JOHN E JR  
DUNN, FLOYD L  
ELWELL, RICHARD  
FOSTER, DAVID R  
GILES, SAMUEL D  
GUCKENBURG, GREGORY  
GUCKENBURG, MARY L  
HAGAR, BONNIE M  
KENNEY, JUDITH  
LAEMMLE, CLARE M  
LAWRENCE, SANDRA L  
MCKEEN, KEVIN  
MILLER, ALLEN L  
MILLER, GEORGE F  
MOORE, FRED T  
MOORE, GEORGE  
OLDS, PATRICIA A  
OLEARY, ROBERT  
PACKARD, PHILLIP  
PACKARD, PHILLIP E  
PEABODY, JANE H  
PERKINS, PAUL F  
PHINNEY, TASHA  
PINETTE, ALFRED J  
REYNOLDS, JOAN C  
RICHARDSON, JOAN E  
ROBBINS, KAREN  
SCHLEIN, PAAUL B  
SHELDON, CATHERINE G  
SHOVER, EVELYN R  
SHUFELT, ERNEST F  
SIMMONS, WILLARD  
STINSON, CARL  
STONE, JOHN F JR  
STUART, KIM M  
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL  
TEXTOR, MELISSA J  
WARNER, DORIS  
WOOD, JOHN

APPEL, JAMES M  
BASSETT, DEBORAH M  
BERTSCHY, MELANE M  
BROOKS, DAVID M  
BROWN, MICHAEL P  
BROWN STUMP, NANCY E  
BRUMMER, KATHLEEN D  
BUCH, ERIC S  
CAMPBELL, ELIZABETH  
CAREY, ANTONIO  
CARLTON, HOWARD  
COLE, C DOUGLAS  
COLLIER, SUSAN J  
DOWNS, FREDERICK  
DOWNS, GEORGIA K  
EDSON, ROBERT  
EDSON, ROBERT W  
EWING, JOSEPHINE W  
GOFORTH, JANET  
GOWELL, MARY  
HOLLEY, LISA A  
JORGENSEN, MARK  
KILBOURN, LAELA  
KINGSBURY, RICHARD C  
KNOWLES, ROBERT L JR  
LAWRENCE, RACHEL W  
MACLEOD, JAMES K  
MCDONALD, FRANKLIN SR  
MCLUER, JOHN  
MORRISON, HOWARD  
NELSON, BONNIE R  
OLEARY, ROBERT  
PELLETIER, ROLANDE  
PINETTE, JEFF  
PINETTE, JEFFREY  
PINKHAM, MICHAEL D  
PINKHAM, MICHAEL D  
SMITH, LUCY  
SULLIVAN, ROSALIE A  
WARNER, LINDA M  
WHITE, JOHN L  
WILLOUGHBY, STEPHEN