

The Arrowsic Arrow

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO VIEW POSSIBLE SITE OF LAND PURCHASE

Two years ago the town voted to spend \$40,000 to buy a piece of land across the street and just north of Town Hall, on condition that it passed certain environmental tests. The tests have not been done, and the money was never spent to purchase the land. Since that time, another piece of property has become available, and the Land Committee has turned its attention there. The new land available is one mile south of Town Hall, on the north side of the road (Rt. 127), its southern boundary across from the Fire Station. At 6.6 acres, the site would accommodate more uses, and the Land Committee is enthusiastic about its possibilities. This past winter we urged Selectmen to obtain a purchase and sale agreement for the property, contingent on approval at town meeting.

We would like as many people as possible to see the site before voting for or against its purchase. The Land Committee will give a quick tour of the property starting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, to be followed by a public hearing at Town Hall. Please Come and let your thoughts be known.

Conservation Commission Notes

Time of the monthly meeting of the Arrowsic Conservation Commission has been changed to the third Monday of each month, at 7 p.m.

Noreen Blaiklock will be leading a tour for the Conservation Commission focusing on "old gardens and dooryard weeds. Beginning at Noreen's house at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 17 (May 18 rain date). Visits to old cellar holes in town will accompany tips about the uses of some of the plants found there. For more information or directions, call 443-3725



Today Arrowsic -- Tomorrow the World

FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, MAY 10

Don't forget to bring cans of food to the Town Hall on Saturday, May 10, to support George and the Postal Service annual food drive. Bring your donations between the hours of 10 and 3 p.m., or leave in your mailbox for pickup before then.

HEARINGS SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

There are two important hearings this month.

- school budget hearing, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The school committee will be reviewing current budget and possibilities for the future.

Fire protection hearing, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This will include an overview of the budget and the purchase of a new or used truck engine.

TOWN MEETING JUNE 19, 6 P.M.

This year's town meeting takes place on Thursday, June 19 at the Town Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Baby-sitting services will be provided by local young persons from 5:45 to 10 p.m.

VACANCY:

The position of Voter Registrar is vacant and needs to be filled as soon as possible. Training will be provided. If interested, contact a Selectman or come into Town Hall during office hours.

OTHER ITEMS FROM TOWN OFFICE:

- Boat registration due. Stickers run from January through December

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- 1997 Open Water fishing regulations are now available.
- All dogs unregistered on May 5 1997 will be subjected to a \$3 late fee or a \$10 warrant fee.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON MAY 23, JULY 2 AND 4.

THANKS....

To Brian Scott and the Fire Department members who helped move all the furniture and file cabinets so the floor of the Town Hall could be refinished.

And to Gil Thomas for fixing the cabinet that got broken into.

And to all the people who showed up for the annual Roadside Cleanup May 3. It was the best turnout ever. Special thanks to the Fire Department for that extra effort.

And to Nancy ^{Brown} Stump for helping get the Arrow out.

SOFTBALL ANYONE?

Some residents are interested in organizing pick up, not-too-serious family softball games during the summer. Sundays at 4 p.m. usually at Legion Field in Bath. No schedule has been set up yet, but if you're interested, call Bob Kalish at 443-4660 to be notified when upcoming games are scheduled.

LIBRARY REPORT

Thanks to towns like Arrowsic, the Patten Free Library is closing in on its goal of raising \$3 million for a planned 6,000 square foot addition. As of late April, the library was within about \$700,000 of reaching the goal. With some more hard work and a bit of luck, groundbreaking ceremonies will be as early as September.

At town meeting this year, the library will be asking Arrowsic voters to make good on a commitment unanimously approved last year. As part of last year's five-year commitment, the 1997 town warrant will include a request of \$4,998 for the PFL Capital Campaign.

Arrowsic's contribution is based on the same per capita figure that all other area towns - Bath, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich - are being asked to give. With Arrowsic readers once again checking out more

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books per person than any other town, the town's capital campaign contribution works out to be a pretty good bargain. If you have any questions about the library, the expansion, books or anything else, please call the PFL's new head librarian, Betty Hughes, at 443-5141. Thank you for your support,

-Ken Textor, PFL trustee

FROM THE SELECTMEN

In this year's warrant, the Selectmen are proposing granting \$5,000 to hire a professional assessing agent to help the Selectmen to equalize assessments in town. Because of human nature, the current board has discovered many discrepancies in assessments. In addition to a professional agent, the board is also recommending the formation of an Assessing Board composed of three town residents. Purpose of the board would be to hear any complaints residents have about the assessment of their property. As it is now, if anyone has a complaint about their assessment, the only alternative for them is to go to the County. A local Assessment Board would provide a closer step of appeals.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling numbers continue to impress, but there are still too many people in town who are not taking advantage of curbside pickup. Beginning May 30 (which is not the observed date of Memorial Day, this year it's May 26), trash pickup resumes **every week until Labor Day**. However, recyclables will be picked up on the **first and third Fridays of every month during the summer**. So remember, trash goes out every week, but put your recyclables out with the trash only on the **first and third Fridays of every month**.

CPR CLASS AT TOWN HALL

Cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation class will be held at the Town Hall on May 17. For more information or to register, call Mary Hillery at 442-8020.

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE: JUNE 27

The Arrowsic Arrow is an independent publication, published haphazardly by Bob Kalish, with a lot of help from friends. News for and about Arrowsic can be left in the Arrow box at Town Hall, or phoned in to 443-4660.