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Dear Reader,

TOWN MEETING THIS YEAR BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 AT 6:30 AND GOES 'TIL 10. IF WE NEED MORE TIME, WE WILL RECONVENE THURSDAY, JUNE 28 AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THIS IS WHAT WE VOTED TO DO AT TOWN MEETING LAST YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD AT OUR VERY OWN COZY TOWN HALL

Some items of interest on the warrant this year include a proposal by the selectmen to re-activate the Capital Improvement Fund with \$20,000 of audited surplus funds. There are a couple of proposals for the town hall improvements: one using up to \$16,000 in surplus funds for bathroom facilities and completion of the back shed area. Another raises up to \$22,000 in tax dollars to expand the width of the building by ten feet on the South side with a shed addition, allowing for office space, and larger quarters come town meeting time next year. The school budget is up about 30% from last year. A couple of big money items in the solid waste department: one is \$4500, which is our share of the construction cost of a regional recycling facility, and the other is \$2500, for a roll-off recycling container. We are also proposing a recycling ordinance which creates a standing committee (up until now, the Recycling Committee has been ad hoc), and guidelines for mandatory separation of waste products. There are three new positions open for election this year: Finance Committee Members. These articles are discussed in the Annual report which will be coming to you on June 20, unless you get your mail out of town, and then you should get it within a couple of days of the 20th. The Selectmen will have at Town Meeting an estimate of tax impact based on the warrant as presented, and preliminary town-wide valuation for this year.

At last week's special town meeting, all the articles passed. Two of the articles were mobile home park regulations. Another amended the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance to include the latest changes enacted at the State Level in the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Law. The next vote was to include the Conservation Commission's "Report on Shore Access 1990" in the 1989 Comprehensive Report. The Conservation Commission proposed within this plan the creation of a committee to further investigate the reality of shorefront access in Arrowsic, and bring recommendations to the Town for approval. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS WORK, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SELECTMEN OR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**

The town voted to include the Sewall Pond Conservation Area Management Plan prepared by the Conservation Commission in the 1989 Comprehensive Plan. Finally the school article generated a lot of discussion, and passed. In the words of Don Hudson, "You have to understand, we have no choice in this vote." Complete text of these articles is available on request at the Town Hall. Once again, three cheers for the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the School Board. We are lucky to have so many dedicated people working for the Town.

NEWS FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION: Beginning in the next week or so, we will begin work on the Bald Head and Steen Roads. Repairs and rebuilding will begin at the Newtown Road and proceed south to the Chapin/Hall residence. The Road Commission appreciates the patience of those who must travel these roads during construction. If anyone has any questions, please call Jim Stump at 442-7527.

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR OF THE ARROW. Now available ON REQUEST a no-opinion version of the Arrow. Strictly news, nothing more. If you are interested in JUST THE TOWN NEWS, let me know and I will send you at no charge an editorial free newsletter. **IF YOU DON'T WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER AT ALL, PLEASE INFORM ME SO THAT WE DON'T WASTE BOTH OUR ENERGIES ANY LONGER. Thank you. As of June 27, I am no longer a Town Official.** Any Arrow correspondence must be brought to my mailbox (Olds/Miller) at the top of the Steen/Bald Head Road, or phoned to me at 442-8270. You may have to talk to my machine.

BROWNTAIL MOTH ALERT: Similar in its deforestation abilities to the Gypsy Moth, but smaller and poisonous. (Contact with the hairs on the caterpillars can cause a reaction similar to poison ivy, and can be severe in some individuals) Please see the notice posted at the Town Hall Bulletin Board.

COUNTY TAXES HAVE BEEN POSTED: Arrowsic's share is \$25,905. up from \$18,160 last year. If you are interested in seeing how we compare with other towns, the list is posted at the Town Hall

The following auto owners have registrations due in June:

KIMBALL, CYNTHIA C
CARTER, JOHN S
CHAFFEE, JOHN W JR
COUSINS, WAYNE

DRESSER, ARTHUR E
ELWELL, ETHEL H
ELWELL, RONALD E
ELWELL, SUSAN D

KAHRL, KATHLEEN
KEHL, JANET E
KENNEY, JUDITH
MANN, JEFFREY

MCKEEN, JACQUELINE
MOORE, GEORGE
PACKARD, PHILLIP
PINETTE, JAMES A

GREENE, DOROTHY S
RICHARDSON, JOAN
SMITH, LUCY D.
STINSON, LUCY E
SULLIVAN, ELAINE

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE LAST NEWSLETTER, IN WHICH I APPEALED ON BEHALF OF MANY TOWNSPEOPLE FOR NEW CANDIDATES TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

Hi, my name is Debbie Niemeier and I'd like to serve you as the next Selectperson. I am a civil engineer, and I primarily work with communities in comprehensive planning, waterfront planning, and transportation planning efforts. I have lived in Arrowsic, on Old Stage Road, for about a year and a half - just short enough to still naively volunteer for things like Selectperson.

So why am I doing this? Well I've thought a lot about that too. Basically I believe I have many skills to offer the Town. I'm pretty good about listening to all sides of an issue and negotiating a solution. I have experience in long range planning, have worked with many of the state departments on the behalf of communities, and I have a lot of energy (and enjoy a good challenge)!

As everyone knows the state is enacting new mandates every year and the towns must respond. Areas like future educational funding, roadway improvements, growth, the comprehensive plan, and recycling are going to require long-term planning and involvement on the part of the Town. The Town has seen significant growth in the past few years and we need to be able to effectively use the comprehensive plan to preserve the things that make Arrowsic special.

I highly support the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This plan will help the town prioritize and plan for future spending. The recently prepared conservation plan for Sewall Pond is important for recognizing and preserving the area. I support equitable town administration for everyone. I'd like to see more fiscal accountability from the school district. I'm highly supportive of the efforts that have been made thus far addressing recycling. The state has mandated that everyone reduce their solid waste stream and the Town (especially the recycling committee) has been committed to doing this in the best possible way.

There is a lot more I could talk about but I'm trying to limit the space I take up. At any rate if anyone wants to know more about how I feel on some of the issues in Town, please give me a call. The best time to reach me is between 6-9 pm most evenings. My phone number is 443-2240, you can leave a message on the machine anytime.

Americans produce 154 million tons of garbage every year-enough to fill the New Orleans Superdome from top to bottom, twice a day, everyday. 80% of this trash is recyclable! Recycling aluminum uses 95% less energy than producing aluminum products from raw materials. Recycling paper uses 60% less energy than manufacturing paper from virgin lumber. Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a 100 watt lightbulb for four hours. 75,000 trees are used for the Sunday edition of the New York Times each week, yet only 30% of newspapers are recycled in the United States. If we all recycled our Sunday papers, we could save over 500,000 trees every week. In the US, we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour- and only a small percentage is recycled. Recycled plastic can be used to make a number of products, such as plastic lumber and fiberfill sleeping bag insulation. 26 plastic soda bottles can make one polyester suit. Recycling the material in "tin" cans reduces related energy use by 74%; air pollution by 85%; solid waste by 95%; and water pollution by 76%...yet only 5% of tin cans are recycled. HELP CREATE MARKETS FOR RECYCLED GOODS. TALK TO YOUR LEGISLATORS & CONGRESSPEOPLE.



TIM MILLER, CARTOONIST IS A PART-TIME RESIDENT OF ARROWSIC, AND A DEDICATED ECOLOGIST