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Dear Reader,

Happy New Year. Fiscal New Year, that is. Included this issue: town officials, town meeting summary, and a couple of very important announcements. Enjoy the summer!

Town Officials, 1991-1992 (changes from last year appear in bold type)

Town Clerk	Ann Carlton	442-8343 (Wed 3-5:30 and Fri. 8:30-11am)
Selectpersons	Mary Gowell (chair)	443-6840 (meet 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30)
	Jim Coombs	442-7178
	Ted Bertocci	443-6523
Treasurer	Patty Olds	442-8270 (call for appointment)
Tax Collector	Nancy Brown Stump	442-7527 (Wed 3-5:30 and Fri 8:30-11am)
Fire Chief	Donald Bryant	442-7521
School Committee	Alice Sperling (chair)	443-3497 (call for meeting times)
	Don Hudson	
	Eloise Vitelli	
Codes Enforcement	David Foster	443-2114
Planning Board	John Wood (chair)	443-3874 (Mondays 7pm)
	Karen Robbins	
	Jim Tolan	
	Alice Porter	
	Lucy Hull	
Board of Appeals	Jozef Tara (chair)	443-5267 (call for appointment)
	Manli Ho	
	Steve Neal	
	Noreen O'C. Blaiklock	
	Bart Chapin	
Recycling/Solid Waste	Paul Perkins (chair)	442-8456 (call for meeting times)
	Bob Kalish	
	Mary Gowell	
	Steve Neal	
	Joan Richardson	
	Jeff Mann	
	Sandy Burnham	
	Elizabeth Gowell	
Registrar of Voters	Kristen Coombs	442-7178
Election Clerks	Ethel Loveitt	
	Lillian Gowen	
	Margaret Bertocci	
	Milly Stafford	
Road Commission	Jim Stump (chair)	442-7527 (call for meeting times)
	Jenny Jorgenson	
	Paul Brown	
	John Wood	
	Dick Elwell	
Conservation Commission	Phine Ewing (chair)	443-9795 (call for meeting times)
	Jim Stump	
	Bill Blaiklock	
	Maria Grille	
	Milly Stafford	
	Joan Richardson	
	Jeff Mann	
Town Historian	Milly Stafford	443-5832
Animal Control Officer	Franklin McDonald	443-9038
Town Attorney	Eliot Field	(contact the selectmen)

And now, a summary of Town Meeting:

On Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 the meeting began. Bill Wiseman was elected moderator, and presided over the meeting. Ann Carlton was elected clerk, Mary Gowell was elected, and James Coombs was re-elected as selectman. Alice Sperling was re-elected and Eloise Vitelli was elected to the School Committee (Ken Textor ran against Eloise Vitelli). Patty Olds (yours truly) was elected as treasurer, Nancy Brown Stump was re-elected as Tax Collector, and Don Bryant was elected Fire Chief (Jim Compton ran against Don Bryant.)

Jim Stump as chairman of the Road Commission announced that the Road Commissioners were opting not to be paid, which left a total of \$15,430.00 to pay town officers. This is \$1,000. less than last year. \$4,000. was raised to cover contingency expenses (postage, office supplies, small emergencies that don't fit into other categories of the budget). 1,700. was raised to cover the publishing expenses of the Town Report. \$8,000. was raised for insurance- this covers the Town Owned buildings, the fire trucks, their equipment, all contents of the town hall, and liability and workman's compensation insurance for all town officials (including the volunteer fire fighters).

\$2,600. was raised to pay for the Auditor's report. This report is printed each year in the town warrant and contains a wealth of information. Recommended reading. \$2,800. was raised for utilities- this includes phones, electricity and heat at the town hall and fire house, and street lights.

\$2,772. was raised for Planning Board expenses, including our membership in the Council of Governments for municipalities in our region. The Conservation Commission requested and was granted \$250., most of which will be used for signage.

The town voted to impose a 12% interest charge on all taxes paid 60 days after posting. This is the state maximum allowable.

When we voted to retain all proceeds from the sale of tax-delinquent property in a dedicated Capital Improvement Fund, someone asked if there were any sales pending. The selectmen answered that the town is not holding the title to any tax-delinquent property. Another person pointed out (incorrectly) that there is a property in town that should be in foreclosure, and that the selectmen must have opted not to foreclose. In fact, this property is in NO DANGER of foreclosure as long as the owner continues to make payments on the outstanding liens.

Up to \$5,000. was appropriated from surplus for paint and electrical work at the town hall. As this goes to print, the town hall is being painted.

Once again, the town voted not to open Alewife harvesting due to lack of Alewives.

It was voted to continue collecting all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access fund. When someone suggested the Water Access Fund is sorely insufficient for any realistic attempts to acquire public access to the rivers, Fred Kahri replied, "Better to light a candle than curse the darkness."

\$20,000. from surplus was appropriated from surplus to the Capital Improvement fund. This fund cannot be drawn from without Town Meeting approval.

\$2,000. was appropriated for legal services (by the way, our town attorney is Eliot Field. He does business as a municipal lawyer in Wiscasset). \$1,000. was appropriated for tax map updating- these are an essential tool for the assessors and planning board. You may obtain copies for a minimal fee if you contact the selectmen

After some discussion, the Floodplain Ordinance for the Town of Arrowsic, Maine was adopted. For the second year in a row we enacted a resolution for property tax relief, proposed by the Maine Municipal Association to send a message to the state house requesting all programs created and controlled by the State be funded by the State rather than local property taxes.

The education appropriations, as usual, garnered many comments and questions, and as always, was passed as printed: \$464,721. appropriated, of which \$241,857. will be raised in property taxes. The remainder is subsidized, mostly by the State.

A scholarship of \$1,000. was approved, and is being awarded to Lucy Stinson.

A total of \$64,000. was appropriated for road maintenance and plowing. Of that, \$18,200. will be raised in property taxes. The remainder is raised in excise taxes and State relief.

An article that was not printed in the warrant was discussed next. This had to do with the end of the Spinney Mill Road. Rob Schultz, who owns the land surrounding the town road was asking that the last 83.5 feet of the road be abandoned in exchange for a turnaround at the new terminus. Schultz explained that he would like to build a house near where the road presently ends, but the proposed site does not meet minimum setback requirements. There was much discussion, and a motion to table it for further study, but the article was ultimately defeated

\$19,050. was appropriated for septage, solid waste, and recycling. \$10,250. was appropriated for the fire department, \$4,000. of which is for capital improvement. Also, \$1600. in grant money and donations were voted to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund.

\$1,200. was raised to contract with Bath for ambulance service for the coming year. It now will cost \$150. per call for individuals needing ambulance service.

We raised \$6,508. for dues and support to charities, voted to hold town meeting 1992 at 6:30 the last Wed in June, and adjourned sometime close to 11:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the Tax Collector: (August notices are not published yet due to the State shutdown)

Registrations for JUNE:

Kimball, Cynthia	Smith, Lucy
Bassett, Deborah	Smith, John
Bassett, Kenneth	Sullivan, Elaine
Chaffee, John Jr	
Dew, Sheila	
Mosier, Larry	
Richardson, Joan	

Registrations for JULY:

BLAIKLOCK, EDWARD	MORRISON, GLENNA
BRENNAN, WILLIAM R	PINETTE, ANTHONY J
BRENNAN, WILLIAM R	PROCTOR, NANCY
BROWN STUMP, NANCY	ROOT, DONALD N
DRAKE, SALLY	SCOTT, BRIAN D
ELWELL, GEORGIA K	SIMMONS, WILLARD
FRYE, BRADLEY J	SKILLINGS COLEMAN, ELIZABETH
HUDSON, W DONALD JR	SOKOL, DAMIAN
HUTTON, PATRICIA I.	STOY, GALE A
KELLY, WILLIAM L	STOY, KERRY A
KENNEY, VIVI M	WARNER, DORIS E
LEVESQUE, CLARENCE	WARNER, JOHN W III
MANN, LAURIE	WILLIAMS, SARAH B
MASSEY, SHANE	
MCLEAN, DANIEL W	
MCLUER, PAULINE A	

The Arrowsic School Committee is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Award for this year is going to Lucy Stinson. She has a superb academic record, a long list of extracurricular activities, and excellent recommendations. She plans to attend Skidmore College in September.

TO MY NEIGHBORS AND FIREFIGHTERS:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who participated in the firefighting effort on Old Stage Road late afternoon on Friday, June 14. Your quick response and combined efforts contained the fire to only a small area on my property. Considering the recent weather conditions, the fire could have easily caused much greater damage. To everyone, Thank you.

Rick Bertaska

FREE CEDAR CHIPS- YOU HAUL. CALL 442-8270

On July 20 beginning at 8AM at Shaws, you can purchase some of the best baked goods in New England **and** do your part for a worthy cause. Come to the **LADIES AUXILLARY OF THE ARROWSIC FIRE DEPARTMENT bake sale**. And if you are out of town this weekend, take heart, you have another chance: August 17 at beginning at 8AM. Don't miss it!

In an effort to save time and money, the Selectmen are requesting that anyone who'd like a copy of the Town Report send \$1.50 for postage and they will mail it right out to you.