

# The Arrowsic Arrow

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**Arrowsic, Maine**  
**04530**

**Arrowsic Town Hall (443-4690) hours are**  
Wednesday 3-5:30 pm and Friday 8:30-11 am.  
Our Selectboard: Larry Wilson: 443-6970;  
Michele Gaillard: 442-7443 and Sukie Heard 443-6768.  
Liz Rollins is Tax Collector. Phine Ewing is Town Clerk.

## Missing!

**LOONEY is missing. Shorthaired All Black (male neutered) cat with white paws and white smiley face on his belly. 15 months old. Missing since Friday July 26. He is sorely missed. Please call with any information to the Carltons 442-8343**

## Town Meeting Minutes: 74 registered voters showed up along with other interested folks.

**Official US Census Population of Arrowsic is 477.** Meeting was called to order a little after 6:30. Pete Goodwin was elected to Moderate the meeting (and did so with humor, patience and grace). Phine Ewing was reelected Town Clerk, Sukey Heard was elected Selectman to replace the outgoing, outstanding Greg Guckenburg (more about that later), Jody Jones was reelected to the School Committee, Paul Schlein was reelected Treasurer and Liz Rollins was reelected Tax Collector. I might add we are extremely fortunate to have so many generous, careful, smart and fun people as our town officials. We then voted to pay these folks \$30,842 in salaries that include federally mandated taxes. There were two changes in the warrant: the Conservation Commission asked to have no salary and the Fire Department requested a total of \$1500 to pay volunteers a small stipend for showing up for trainings and going out on calls.

We voted to appropriate \$5,000 from surplus into the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund, although not without some discussion regarding the point of Capital Improvement Funds, or dedicated funds in general. The Selectboard responded that it was pretty much following tradition to continue adding funds to these accounts even though there is at this point in time no specific project in mind.

The Fire Department budget was up next passing at \$16,900. A question came up regarding continuing our contract with Bath to fight our fires when we have a Mutual Aid system that costs nothing. Chief Ike Heffron responded that for now he would like to continue the contract while we are training a core of volunteers and that we can review the contract at the end of each year. The chief also praised the Department for how great the response has been to training schedules and to fire calls. Greg pointed out that all the firefighters in Bath are trained Paramedics, a good reason to continue using the Bath Department as First Responders. Along with this discussion came the Ambulance Contract which was voted on for \$4,000.

The School budget was explained handily by Nancy Brown Stump and Superintendent Ronald Gleason was introduced. There was a motion to change the scholarship to \$10,000 (up from \$5,000) which failed and then a motion to change the amount to \$4,500, reflecting 9 seniors who will get \$500 each as a scholarship for college. The article which talked about a Maine Community Foundation Scholarship fund was taken off the table for discussion while the School Committee looks further into the matter of privatizing the Scholarship Fund. Brea Stump and Willa Brown stood up to say thanks on behalf of all the Scholarship recipients.

We voted on \$3,500 to pay an Assessor's Agent. Kevin McGillicuddy is completely out of the picture. The Selectboard is leaning toward hiring Van Tynan Associates, the folks who take care of Georgetown's assessing process.

Next up was the road budget which passed without discussion. Dick Elwell will continue as our contractor for plowing since he "did an excellent job" this past winter. Recycling Committee Chair Michael Kreindler reported that recycling tonnage increased by 10% while solid waste was down by 2%. We can always do more to reduce our waste stream. The recycling budget passed at \$3500, and the solid waste budget passed at \$17,000.

The town passed budgets of \$4000 for the annual (federally mandated) audit, \$100 for our share of the Longreach Sanitary Facility, \$4000 for disposal of septage. This last item pays for the town to dispose of your septage when you have it pumped out by a private contractor. This policy went into effect years ago when it became evident that some of the less reputable contractors were illegally dumping septage in unauthorized places. Contact the selectmen for further details regarding contractors to use.

Next up was the ever-popular charitable organizations. Thanks to the work of savvy citizen and concerned former Selectman Manli Ho, the Maine Publicity Bureau doesn't even ask us for money any more. Two questions came up with this article. The first was regarding the library's increased request for funds (\$6916 up from \$3406). This works out to \$14.50 per capita, a heck of a bargain, and used by most people in town. Year after year we are told that Arrowsicans are the biggest users of the Library (per capita). 59% of us have a library card. The second question that came up was about The Arrow. The monies requested pay for postage (230 copies at 37¢ each) and copying costs (depending on whether Staples charges me for single or double sided copies—I never argue if they charge me less—, the cost can run from \$24. up to \$48. per issue). Michael Kreindler asked if I would use a town copier if we had one and I said YES! That would be a dream come true. As I recall, the last time the last time the town priced copiers the cost was prohibitive to get one that could shrink documents as well as print 11x17. As a side note, I should mention the we only used about 1/2 of last year's budget of \$800. Total raised for dues and organizations was \$14630.

We voted not to take a break, but to continue to the end since the meeting was moving along so swimmingly. Selectman Larry Wilson announced there was cake for everyone and then offered some eloquent words celebrating Dave Foster's retirement as CEO (that's Codes Enforcement Officer) in Arrowsic for 20 years. His gentle manner and sly humor will be missed by all. Michael Kreindler will be appointed by the Selectmen to fill the job. Next, Larry said a few words for Greg Guckenburg who is retiring after 6 years as Selectman. As a former Selectman myself, I think I can safely say that these have been some of the most difficult years in Arrowsic's history. Greg faced up to the challenge of dissenting from his fellow board members regarding the efficacy of building a new fire station. He also faced up to the many members of the fire department who resigned in anger at the town for not passing the necessary vote to begin the project. He was publicly threatened and verbally abused and he stood, nonetheless to did his job. With Michele and Larry, he also bore the burden of taxpayers' anger about the assessing process and never did he lose his cool. Our hats are off to Greg and we all wish him a peaceful post-selectboard life. Both Dave Foster and Greg Guckenburg received standing ovations for their service. Then it was back to the business of town meeting.

\$6000 was voted for Contingency, \$2000 for the town report, \$5000 for insurance, \$4000 for utilities, \$500 for the Planning Board, \$1000 for the Conservation Commission, \$400 for the Shellfish Committee, \$250 for Local Emergency Management, \$4000 from surplus for legal expenses, \$10,000 for the Capital Improvement fund and \$4000 for Town Hall improvements and maintenance. The Selectmen said they would review the dedicated funds policy in the coming year. One note that I did not say at Town Meeting is that we are required by law to put the dog license fees into a dedicated fund for animal care.

Next came discussion about the "Town of Arrowsic Wireless Communications Facilities Siting Ordinance." A question was asked about whether it makes sense to clump all the potential towers in one place. I didn't hear the answer because someone came over to tell me how good the cake was. The article passed. Up next were revisions to the Shellfish Ordinance which passed. We then voted to refurbish the town well for \$2200. As it is right now, the well is easily contaminated and renders the water undrinkable.

Finally, we voted on all the usual "housekeeping" articles, the same ones that come along at the end of every town meeting and which are passed by whoever has the interest in raising their hands to be counted. Town Meeting next year will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 6:30 pm.

ARROWSIC WRITERS READ  
AT THE ARROWSIC TOWN  
HALL  
ON FRI SEPT 13<sup>th</sup>  
AT 7PM.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR READERS AT  
ARROWSIC TOWN HALL OR CALL  
NANCY BROWN STUMP 442-7527.  
COME READ YOUR POETRY, STORY OR  
ESSAY. TIME LIMIT: 7MIN / READER

(We will have a gentle reminder when time is up)

#### Where Arrowsic Students Went To School. 2001-02

##### Primary:

- 7 Georgetown Central School
- 4 The Center for Teaching and Learning, Edgcomb
- 5 Bath Elementary Schools
- 2 Woolwich Central School
- 18 Total

##### Secondary:

- 24 Morse High School, Bath
- 16 Bath Middle School
- 8 Waynefleete, Portland
- 2 Brunswick High School
- 1 Putney School, Vermont
- 1 Lincoln Academy, Newcastle
- 1 Woolwich Central School
- 2 Center for Teaching and Learning
- 56 Total

## **From the Arrowsic School Committee**

By Nancy Brown Stump

It is not unlikely that folks wonder what it is we do on the Arrowsic School Committee, given that Arrowsic has no school. Truth be told: a town with children has the fortunate responsibility to see that its children are afforded the opportunity for a quality education.

As we indicate in our vision statement, we believe children are unique individuals with unique needs. We believe in the development of the whole child and encourage each child to reach her/his highest potential. We believe learning takes place both in the school and in the community. And we believe our participation in and our support of Union #47 create strong educational options for our children.

Because school choices vary, and because there is no high school option in any Union #47 school, we must be cognizant of the issues that schools in general face. We must adopt policies with regards to Union #47, most recently on harassment and bullying. We must provide adequate special education services to our students with special needs. We must review bills for the warrant and present our budget to the Town. We attend Union #47 meetings where we deal with concerns ranging from ADA requirements for the central office facility to consideration of educational options for middle school and high school students of Union # 47. And we administer our scholarship: \$500 towards the post-secondary education of all graduating seniors who make the request for the scholarship. This year nine out of our thirteen graduates were awarded the Arrowsic Scholarship; once they submit their college bill to the town, the treasurer will make payment which credits these student's school account.

The Arrowsic School Committee has no governing powers in the individual schools where we send our students, but we do have a vote when it comes to Union #47 policies that effect Union # 47 schools where 10 of our students are enrolled. We have no governance power in Bath, but 45 out of our 73 students attend their schools, and so we are greatly interested in what goes on there. The Arrowsic School Committee has been encouraged by increased dialogue between the Bath School Board and Union # 47; perhaps by working together we can better address the challenges in education that beset us all.

As the chart left indicates, Arrowsic likes choice. To date, the availability of choice at the expense of governance has not presented us with great problems, but there are concerns. To begin with, the choice for many is quickly limited by consideration of expense. Secondly, we cannot vote to save or initiate programs that we feel would benefit education in Bath when cut backs are made in response to Bath's spending limitations. We also cannot ignore the warnings given by towns with similar tuition arrangements, towns like Dresden and Southport which have run into problems when receiving schools refused to take their students; under our current system, there are no guaranteed placements.

If the Arrowsic experience is any indication, there is much for a school committee to do, even without a school. We know that we in Arrowsic are blessed; for the duty of an Arrowsic School Committee member is as much a privilege as it is a responsibility because ultimately, what we are concerning ourselves with is learning and kids, and our kids, our students are remarkable! They write; they read; they jump; they run; they sing; they smile; they cry; they laugh; they act; they speak; they stand; they sit; they dance; they dream; they think. They are our children! Congratulations to each of them on their accomplishments.

**Special congratulations** to our thirteen seniors: Hickory Weiss, Gabrielle Stump, Steven Puff, Natalie Patzlaff, Leo Patzlaff, Casey Norris, Amanda Levesque, Molly Geiger, Jessica Elwell, Michelle Doucette, Lindsay Cunningham, Christopher Carlton, Joshua Burke, and Willa Brown. No doubt, there will be challenges ahead that confound you. Albert Camus once said, speaking of Sisyphus, "There is no sun without shadow, and it is essential to know the night. The absurd man says yes and effort will henceforth be unceasing." And yet, you are the grown children of this beautiful little island. We hope that you may share the strength and independence, the gratitude and humility that years of living in this special place has nurtured in you. We trust that you will honor the land and the rivers and the sky because they have surrounded you here. We wish you well as you proceed in your various directions. Blessings on you!

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 o NOTICE: o  
 o The August o  
 o Planning Board, o  
 o meeting is o  
 o deferred to o  
 o Sept. 9 at 7pm o  
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**Mrs Gertrude Peterson Turns 100! HIP HIP HOORAY!!**

We are going to celebrate on September 7 in the morning. Plans include a parade, music, refreshments, birthday cake (of course!) and more. Join us! For more information, please contact Lillian Gowan 443-3918 or Milly Stafford 443-5832

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS DUE IN AUGUST:**

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|--|----------------------|
| ATER, ROBERT G                         | MOUNT, PAMELA A      |
| BASSETT, DEBORAH H                     | NODINE, ANNIE        |
| BLAKE, LORRIE A                        | PATZLAFF, GARY H     |
| BURKE, JOHN G                          | ROBBINS, KAREN       |
| CAREY, ANTONIO W                       | ROBINSON, HELEN R    |
| CARLTON, DALE M                        | ROBINSON, MATTHEW B  |
| COSSART, EDWARD M                      | ROOT, DONALD M       |
| DUNN, SALLY K                          | ROOT, DONALD N       |
| ELWELL, FREDERICK W                    | ROY, SHARON L        |
| ELWELL, JULIE A                        | SAFFORD, GEORGE A    |
| ELWELL, RICHARD H                      | SCHLEIN, PAUL B      |
| GEIGER, JENNIFER L                     | SCOTT, BRIAN D       |
| GIBERSON, KIRK M                       | SPERRA, NANCY J      |
| GILES, SAMUEL D                        | SKILLINGS COLEMAN, E |
| HILTON, WANDA                          | SMITHOLAN, FRANCES   |
| JANAWICZ, JENIFER                      | SPENCER, JAMES A     |
| JOHNSON, ROBERT A                      | STAFFORD, GEORGE F   |
| JONES, JODY J                          | STOEBE, JEFFREY A    |
| JORGENSEN LANDSCAP, KANE, JOSEPH A JR. | STUMP, JAMES P       |
| KENNEY-STILPHEN, VIV                   | SULLIVAN, HOWARD E   |
| KIDD, MARK                             | TWEARINGEN, RICHARD  |
| KIMBALL, DUGGAN                        | TEXTOR, KENNETH J    |
| LAWRENCE, RACHEL W                     | VON HUENE, KATHERINE |
| LEVESQUE, CLARENCE F                   | WARNER, LINDA M      |
| MACLEOD, JAMES K                       | WEISS, DAVID R       |
| MACMAHAN, JOSEPH V                     | WHITE, JOHN L        |
| MCLEAN, ROSAMOND                       | WILLEY, HELEN L      |
| MILLER, ALLEN L                        | YEATON, GLORIA       |

**From The Registrar of Voters**

Jean Kane 443-4978

The following are the results of the June 11, 2002 Primary Election of the town of Arrowsic. We had a total of 375 registered voters at election time and 103 voters voted in the primary, not bad but it should have been a lot more.

**STATEWIDE BALLOT RESULTS**

BOND ISSUES				GOVERNOR			
Question 1		Question 2		GOP		Dem	Green
School repairs	Research	Cianchette	Libby	Baldacci	Carter		
Yes	No	Yes	No				
65	37	53	49	20	13	43	4
U.S. SENATE				CONGRESS (District 1)			
GOP		Dem.		GOP		Dem.	
Collins	30	Pingree	40	Joyce	26	Allen	43

STATE SENATE		HOUSE OF REP.		TREASURER	
District 19		District 51			
Republican		Republican		Republican	
Mayo III	25	Austin	11	Racine	24
Tot writeins	0	Rich	10		
Tot writeins 1					
Democrats		Democrats		Democrats	
Baffer	33	Percy	41	McCarthy	37
Tot writeins	1				
Green		Green		Green	
Tot writeins	0	Tot writeins	0	Tot writeins	0
REGISTER DEEDS		DIST. ATTORNEY			
Republican		Republican			
Trott	23	Rushlau	23		
Democrates		Democrates			
Tot writeins	0	Tot. writeins	0		
Green		Green			
Tot writeins	0	Tot. writeins	0		

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