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"If you have a chip on your shoulder
it probably came off your head"—

bumper sticker seen on Rt 127

04330-9803



Dear Reader:

Lots going on in our fair town. Lots of good reasons to come out and visit with your neighbors:

Arrowsic work weekend coming up--paint the Town Hall or work at Sewall Pond (read on).

Important Public Hearing for Fire Department Matters Sept 21 at 6:30 at the Town Hall (details below).

A Reminder: Trash/Recycling Pickup became bi-weekly Sept 1--**next trash/recycling pickup is Sept 15**

HERE'S THE FINE PRINT:

Swimmers! Boaters! Walkers! Sewall Pond Enthusiasts!
We need your help. The Arrowsic Conservation Commission is sponsoring a day of trailwork on the path to Sewall Pond off Old Stage Road **THIS SATURDAY, September 9** starting at 9:00 am. Come help us fetch, load, carry and spread. We will be building stone steps at the water's edge, installing water bars, and spreading bark mulch. If you can bring work gloves, wheelbarrows, shovels; or you can just come as you are.

Come Paint The Town (Hall)

The Arrowsic Town Property Committee
Ann or Bob Ater 443-1519

The Arrowsic Town Property Committee is seeking volunteers to help prepare and paint the exterior Town Hall Building. We will require at least 10 volunteers each day to complete this project. Project start dates are Friday, September 8 through Sunday September 10. Those interested in volunteering may call Bob or Ann Ater at 443-1519.

Public Hearing regarding Fire Protection for the Town of Arrowsic, September 21 6:30 pm. Please come and learn the details of discussions and research being done on this important issue. There will be a special town meeting later this fall to decide which direction the town will take.

While the Fire Department Action Committee (see below) has been doing its job, the Selectmen have been doing their job and meeting with the Bath Fire Department, Bath City Manager and Bath Director of Finances to discover the feasibility of contracting with the City of Bath for our fire protection. Here is a brief outline of the five year contract Bath has offered us, should the Townspeople vote to choose Bath for our primary Fire Protection:

For \$5,000 per year, Bath would contract for five years with the Town of Arrowsic to provide us with fire protection in the same manner as it provides the City of Bath. A \$250 per call fee would cover two hours of firefighting, with \$125 per hour thereafter. A basic structure fire would fit into the two hour time frame.

As part of this agreement, Arrowsic would keep the Volunteer Fire Department with the minipumper and brush truck, two essential pieces of equipment for some of the rough driveways and woods roads we have in town. The City of Bath Fire Department will take responsibility for training Arrowsic's firefighters

Fire Department Action Committee (FDAC)--

by Larry Wilson, Selectman 443-6970

As directed by the warrant article passed at the July Town Meeting the selectmen appointed a committee--To develop a plan to be submitted at the next town meeting or an earlier special town meeting. To be implemented within two years (by 2002) to construct a fire barn/community center, purchase a fire truck and other equipment to enable us to meet our mutual aid responsibilities.-- The committee members are: Dave Newcomb, chair, Mike Kreindler, Bill Bunter, Brian Scott, Richard Higgins, and Mercer Blanchard with Michele Gaillard representing the selectmen. The committee has been meeting regularly since July 11 and goes by the name of Fire Department Action Committee or FDAC.

Building, Communication, Fire truck and Finance sub committees have been formed. The building committee visited a building owned by Dick McElman and adjacent to Bath Subaru. Everyone felt the McElman building, design and construction was acceptable for a fire barn. Drawings of that building has been made and a location of the building on the town site has been staked out.

The cost of the McElman building is known and should provide reasonable cost data, and also fits the committee's decision to concentrate on building just a fire barn. The committee has decided that a community center, if there is enough interest, will be addressed at a later date and may be part of a renovation of the existing town hall.

The fire truck committee feels that their comparison of used trucks to new ones still favors a new truck. Using the internet and current magazines, a number of used trucks were reviewed and this search continues according to Dick Newcomb, chair of the committee

The finance committee, headed by Mercer Blanchard, reports that USDA is a source of seed money with loans carrying approximately 5.75% interest. According to Mercer the first step is to get on their radar screen by submitting a pre-application should we decide to use them.

COASTAL CLEANUP

Maine's Coastal Clean-up, an annual event sponsored by the Maine Coastal Program will take place this year from September 30-October 7. The largest single volunteer event in the state, it involves people picking up trash from Maine's Shoreline. A similar cleanup effort happens in other coastal states.

Until recently, Arrowsic had no publicly owned shorefront property, and the Arrowsic Conservation Commission has not taken part in the event. This year, the ACC would like to encourage shorefront owners to participate by cleaning up their own shoreline during coastal cleanup week. Any landlocked residents wishing to participate may scour the shore of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Properties off Old Stage Road and at the end of Bald Head Road.

People wishing to "officially participate" can stop by the Town Hall during business hours for data collection / cleanup forms.

If your collection seems unsuitable for roadside cleanup, bring it to the Town Hall and we will start a collection behind the white recycling shed, to be picked up by our trash haulers. Thanks, and happy hunting.

Notices.

Town Hall Hours are Wednesday 3-5:30 pm and Fridays 8:30-11 am. Phine Ewing is our Town Clerk and Liz Rollins is our Tax Collector.

It seems that many residents did not receive the last Arrow (July / August). If you did not receive your copy, please call Patty Olds 443-4764 and leave a message with your mailing address. I'll mail out copies as soon as I get your message. We also try to keep extra copies at Town Hall.

ARROWSIC ARTWORKS is gearing up for another show on November 4. We will be calling all our members, but we are still searching for new talent. If you would like to be in the show, please contact Clare Bridge at 442-0159 or Phine Ewing at 443-9795.

Attention college students and parents of college students: If you want to vote absentee in the November elections, you need to write to the Town Hall (HC 33 Box 228) and request an absentee ballot. Address your request to Jean Kane or Phine Ewing

Recycling Reminder:

Newspapers and magazines can be piled together and are collected at curbside.

Also at curbside: corrugated cardboard, glass, #2 plastic

At Town Hall: mixed paper, high quality (office) paper

If you have any recycling questions, contact any of the committee members: Paul Schlein, 443-3209; Bob Kalish, 443-4660; Michael Kreindler, 442-7443; Jeff Mann, 443-6174

Things we learned about Osprey and the Max Wilder Bridge at the Public Meeting with MDOT, town hall, Aug 28:

"Osprey can do everything eagles do, only better"—Charlie Todd, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

If you haven't read about it in the other papers, here is a very brief synopsis of what was presented: MDOT would like to permanently discourage the osprey from nesting on the Max Wilder bridge, or any bridge because they are aggressive attackers to anyone attempting to work on the bridge. Also, the nestlings often fall or fly into the roadway and oncoming vehicles. MDOT plans to build three platform sites adjacent to the bridge, this fall before they remove the nest. Work will then begin, building rigging. It has to be fully contained because the paint is lead based and highly toxic.

Come spring, the bridge will be scraped to the metal, one half at a time (so that traffic can continue on the available half) and repainted. This work cannot be done during freezing weather. If they can get permission from the proper historical structure authorities, MDOT would like to place cones or other deterrents on the bridge to keep the birds away. They would like to finish the whole project in one painting season, but are making no guarantees.

Next Arrow will be published early November. Please leave articles at the Town Hall in the Arrow box, or email me at paolds@javanet.com.

From the Tax Collector, Liz Rollins 443-3658

The following registrations are due in these months:

September

- BROWN, MICHAEL P
- CARLTON, VERNON F
- CARR, WILLIAM F
- CHAFFEE, JOHN JR
- DETWILER, BRIAN W
- DRESSER, CAROL H
- ELWELL, KIMBERLY
- EWING, JOSEPHINE W
- GARFIELD, ELIZA N
- GEIGER, JENNIFER L
- GILES, DOROTHY
- GOWEN, LILLIAN L
- GUCKENBURG, GREGORY
- HENDRICKSON, RUSSELL
- HILLERY, MARY
- HDLBROOK, KIMBERLY I
- JOHNSON, PATRICIA F
- JONES, JUDITH N
- LOVEITT, WILBUR F
- LUM, KENNETH M
- NELSON, ROBERT H
- OCONNOR, JAMIE R
- PAULE, SUZANNE E
- PIEH, TIMOTHY T
- RON ELWELL PLUMBING.
- ROOT, DONALD N
- SIMMONS, CONNIE
- STARBIRD, JAYNE E
- STONE, ALBERT E
- SWEARINGEN, RICHARD
- TOLAN, JAMES J
- WEST, BARBARA
- WILSON, LAWRENCE A
- WISEMAN, KENNETH
- WISEMAN, KENNETH W
- WITHAM, JACK W
- WRIGHT, SUZANNE M

October

- AL'S PLUMBING HEATING
- ARSENAULT, MARK A
- BICKNELL, NOEL J
- BIGGS ADVERTISING
- BROOKS, DAVID M
- BROWN, PAUL
- BRYANT, JACOB E
- BUNTER, CAROLE A
- CARLTON, JAMES
- CHAPIN, E BARTON II
- COLE, CHARLES D
- DEMERS, THOMAS W JR
- DRESSER, ARTHUR E
- FLWELL, RICHARD
- GALUZA, JAMES J
- GILL, DEBORAH S
- GUCKENBURG, GREGORY
- HIGGINS, RICHARD A
- JORGENSEN, MARK
- JORGENSEN, MARK
- KIMBALL, SUSAN C
- KREINDLER, MICHAEL
- LEBRUN, JEAN M
- LIZOTTE, SUSAN Y
- LIZOTTE, SUSAN Y
- MACKENZIE, CAITLIN
- MCDOUGAL, DIANNE L
- NELSON, ROBERT H
- OLEARY, ROBERT W
- PETERSON, GERTRUDE
- PINETTE, JEFFREY L
- PINETTE, REBECCA
- PUFF, DAVID M
- ROBINSON, MATTHEW B
- SCOTT, BRIAN D
- SHOVER, EVELYN R
- STAFFORD, GEORGE F
- SWEARINGEN, RICHARD
- TEXTOR, MELISSA
- WINWOOD, JOHN D
- WOELL, KATHLEEN

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