

THE ARROWSIC ARROW

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Fred's Footnotes

Before launching into the accustomed update on road matters, I want to pause long enough to congratulate the folks in town whose volunteer efforts have been very visible and effective of late.

-- lets hear it for the Fire Department Volunteers, in addition to car washes they have now moved on to a raffle, and a second annual rummage sale, all part of the effort to raise funds to revitalize the Department. And the support of the Townsfolk who have chipped in is part of the recipe for success. Are we already setting stuff aside for next year?

--Who would have thought that a multi-town recycling effort would find its spark in Arrowsic? Jeff Mann has provided a large measure of the leadership in this effort; the newspaper collection dumpster at the Town Hall is just the tip of the recycling iceberg that promises to appeal to the environmental consciousness of all of us in the months ahead. This does seem to be an idea whose time has come: time has run out for the old, unthinking waste handling methods of the past.

--Parents of school-age children in Arrowsic are playing a major role in the fundraising efforts for the proposed, highly innovative playground for Fisher-Mitchell School. The goal is ambitious, a good start has already been made, and in the weeks and months ahead there will be other opportunities to add support as the volunteers push on towards the goal. Once the funding is gathered, there will be the actual construction using volunteer labor where Arrowsic should be able to provide abundant talent.

These examples of volunteerism are clearly the ingredients for the success of the individual projects involved, but I hope that we never lose sight of the fact that working together on common goals like this also creates and strengthens a vital sense of community that is needed in our little town. Thanks for doing your part!

If you have noticed surveyors lurking near the Dairy Queen lately, it is because the Maine Department of Transportation has turned up heat on changing the "stoplight" intersection into a full-flow "no-light" interchange. Selectmen in Woolwich, Arrowsic, and Georgetown have been informally notified that the preliminary engineering plan may be ready for comment as early as November, which suggests construction may start as soon as next summer.

The suggested interchange would create a roadway starting at the Bluff Road in Woolwich (between the Arrowsic Woolwich bridge and the small railway overpass) to lead Rte 127 traffic down under the Woolwich end of the Carlton Bridge, and then swinging back up to connect somewhere across from the Quik-Mart on Rte. 1. This new feeder would service westbound Rte 1 traffic, and the existing section of Rte. 127 which ends at the Dairy Queen would then service only eastbound Rte 1 traffic. In this way, no traffic light will be needed.

Sounds good so far, we'll keep you posted, especially when the public hearing is announced.

Despite delays, the "Big Fill" project on the Old Stage Road has begun. The contractor will keep the road open during construction, although there may be delays of a few minutes now and then as a path is opened across the filled area. If you can, please avoid that North end of the Old Stage Road during the next three weeks. If you must pass through the construction area, please be patient and use caution.

There is still some stumping and ditching to be done on the early dirt section of the Steen Road just south of where the big rock was blasted a few weeks ago. This is part of a continuing effort to slow down the pot-holing which occurs in this stretch by improving the drainage and raising the crown of the road.

Also, the reshaping of the Steen Road-Bald Head Road intersection is still on for the Fall schedule in an effort to reduce the blind spot that currently exists.

If you have any thoughts about winter road maintenance (plowing and sanding), please feel free to drop in to a Selectmen's meeting and chat with us. We had a tough winter last season which may raise some suggestions for dealing with heavy snow years in the future. Let's hear it from you!

Fred Kahrl,
First Selectman

Recycling News

Recycling of newspapers in Arrowsic has started. A dumpster is located at the Town Hall and open during Town office business hours (Tues. 3-5:30 PM, and Fri. 8:30-11 AM) We can recycle only dry newspapers, nothing else. No bags, no strings, no cardboard, no magazines, and no glossy inserts. If you have any doubts about something, don't throw it in. You can call me (Jeff Mann) at 443-6174 with any questions.

The recycling is actually being done by Lincoln County recycling and the money that they make off our recycled product may pay their expenses. What they and the Arrowsic recycling committee hope is that our area will eventually set up our own program. They are doing this as a favor to us and that is why we must be sure that the recycled product is only dry newspaper.

The Arrowsic Recycling Committee consists of: Karen Pare, Paul Perkins, Jim Stump, and Jeff Mann.

Fire Department News

The Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all who joined with us to make our 2 car washes, lawn sale, and raffle such a success.

The lawn sale netted \$500.00, the raffle \$718.00. A special thanks to Lillian Gowen, top saleswomen for raffle tickets, and to Lil and Millie for their help at the sale.

First prize of a Microwave oven went to Frank Dean of Gardner, second prize of a fire extinguisher went to Laura Greenleaf of Arrowsic, and third prize of a smoke alarm went to Lloyd Hankla of Bath.

Notices

-DON'T FORGET THIS SATURDAY, THE 12TH, WE WILL BE COLLECTING RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES ALONG THE REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP ROUTE BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FISHER-MITCHELL PLAYGROUND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR HAVEN'T SEEN US BY NOON GIVE KATHI KAHRL A CALL AT 442-8497 THANKS!!!!

-Wed, Oct. 21 at 10:30 AM-12:30 PM a representative from Joe Brennans office will be here to give any help to Arrowsic residents

-Copies can be made at the town hall during business hours Taxpayers- 10 cents, nontaxpayers 20 cents.

-WANTED- someone to assemble ceramic windchimes for "Clay Soup" in Arrowsic. Piecework, flexible hours Call 443-6174.

Someone asked at Town Meeting this year about insurance, to which I gave a very broad and rather vague answer. I have finally gotten an itemized list, and thought you might like to see the breakdown:

We carry our insurance with Chapman and Drake, the policy is written with Travelers, and runs July 1, 1987 to July 1, 1988.

Liability package: premium \$1470.00

\$44,500.00 Town hall building
5,000.00 " contents
15,000.00 Fire House
5,000.00 " contents
300,000.00 general liability for fire fighters
1948 firetruck, 300,000.00 liability, and 40,000.00 uninsured motorist.

Public official liability: premium \$1,000.00

up to \$1,000,000.00 protection against personal liability while performing official duties.

Public Official Bonds:

tax collector- \$10,000.00, premium- \$100.00
codes enforcement- \$10,000.00, premium- \$100.00
treasurer- \$50,000.00, premium- \$225.00

total premiums paid out \$2895.00*

* this amount is different from what we raised and appropriated at town meeting for several reasons; we sold the old tank truck which had been insured last year; Public official's liability was expected to be higher, and we had to allow for the new fire truck which may cost up to \$2,000.00 for liability, uninsured motorist, fire, and collision (called "specified perils")

Town Hall Activities

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tues. each month @ 7:00PM

Planning Board meets Mondays Sept 14th; Oct 12th; Nov 9th at 7:00 PM

Conservation Commission meets Tuesdays Sept 29 and Oct. 27 at 7:00 PM

Fire Dept. meets Wednesdays Sept 16 @ 6PM; Oct 7 @ 7PM; Oct. 21 @ 6PM at the Fire Hall

Recycling Committee meets Weds Sept 16 & 30; Oct 14 & 28 at 7PM

all meetings at the Town Hall unless noted otherwise

thanks to Cloe Johnson for \$10.00 donation this issue!!!

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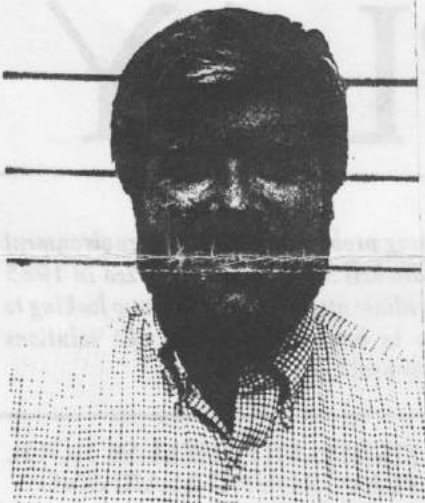
Dear Reader,

Since last week's newsletter had a deadline to make (the news of the can and bottle drive for the Fisher Mitchell school playground) page two never got printed. After editing a few issues, I have come to some conclusions. There needs to be a deadline so that folks who want to advertise an upcoming event, or publish current news and opinions will be able to do so effectively.

There also needs to be consistency, something I hadn't considered until Nancy remarked to me that folks look for their names in the auto registration column, and I had neglected to publish it this issue (hence, page two). I am delighted for the newsletter to have had such a reception in the community, and a bit surprised at the responsibility I have created for myself as the editor. SO, I would like to share the joys, and efforts of this burgeoning periodical with any who are interested. For those of you who wrote in the past to volunteer their time, this is a brand new and genuine request. Let me know what you'd like to do (computer work, copying, folding, mailing) and how much time you'd like to offer. I figure each page takes about 4 hours start to finish- that means sitting down at the computer to mailing out the 320 or so copies. Thanks, Patty Olds

Fred's Footnotes

One of the most interesting things that we find out each year when we go out assessing is just how many people don't know who their assessors are! So, as part of our assessing effort this fall, we are putting our pictures in the Arrow in hopes that fewer of you will send the dogs after us, at least as a result of mistaken identity. Of course, there is always the danger that being easily identified as we make our rounds might have the opposite effect. We'll take our chances.



FRED KAHRL



TED BERTOCCI



PATTY OLDS

We are doing the reassessment/revaluation differently this year. First, I am going around photographing all the structures and, in some cases, making a few notes on things to be reviewed. Then we compare the pictures and notes with the existing records at the Town Hall to see if there is a major change in value, some small changes in value, or no change.

Once this picture taking and comparison is done, we will be heading back out first to assess new structures, and those with major changes since last tax year. Once these are done, the taxes will be committed, and the tax bills sent out.

Then we will spend the winter months adjusting the smaller changes onto the record cards and verifying the "completeness" of the tax records. It might surprise you to learn that we are still discovering small parcels that have been "lost" in the tax records, and we are slowly weeding them out and searching out the owners.

Once the records are updated (as much as possible), we will then consider how to adjust the values of land (and road and water frontage) in relation to structures (homes) in order to reflect the change in property values since the 1986 revaluation. The State Bureau of Taxation will provide us with a formula for upgrading home values that were originally set using their numerical system. Their field representative will then sit with us and help bring the land values up to

set using their number last by
show a proportional increase.

For the moment, however, getting the field work done on the "major change" properties is the primary task at hand. When we arrive at your property, we will knock and introduce ourselves and explain what we are about. If it is just photos, we will be gone in a few minutes. If we are doing an actual valuation, we will first do outside measurements and then ask to come in to look around and to ask a few questions. Your help at this time is deeply appreciated and the visit should take no more than a few minutes.

If you are not at home, or do not wish to permit us inside, we will make our best "guesstimates" from outside and establish the valuation based on these assumptions.

If at any time you want to discuss your property's valuation, please let the Town Clerk know and she will set up an appointment for you with the assessors. Please DO NOT expect the Tax Collector to answer questions about assessments; she only collects the taxes; she does not in any way get involved in the assessing/valuation process, except to encourage us to work harder and faster. When the taxes have been sent out for this year and we are more involved in the revaluation, I will be using this space to explain that process in more detail.

Fred Kahr

Chairman, Board of Assessors

The following people have registrations that expire at the end of September or October. If for any reason you do not want your name printed, please contact Nancy Brown Stump.

September

AHLES, ALLEN H
 BASSETT, DEBORAH
 BASSETT, LEROY
 BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C
 COTE, CANDACE E
 DAVIS, DIANA L
 DEMERS, THOMAS W JR
 DEMERS, THOMAS W JR
 DURRELL, DAVID A
 EISENHAUER, ROBT A
 ELWELL, RONALD
 FREY, WARREN
 FRYE, EUGENE
 GOUELL, SARAH J
 GOWEN, LILLIAN L
 HOGAN, WARREN R
 HOGAN, WARREN R
 HUDSON, W D JR
 HUTTON, PATRICIA L
 KALISH, ROBERT J
 MACCRATER, MARY A
 MCLEUR, JOHN W
 MCLEUR, PAULINE A
 NEAL, JOHN S
 PINETTE, JEFFERY
 SOKOL, DAMIAN
 STAFFORD, GEORGE F
 SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY
 WILLIAMS, SETH
 WITHAM, JACK W
 WOOD, JOHN

October

AMES, SYLVIA M
 ARSENAULT, GALE A
 ATER, ROBERT G
 BRICE, GLENYS T
 CHAFFEE, JOHN
 COOMBS, JAMES L
 DEMERS, THOMAS W JR
 DUNN, FLOYD L JR
 ELWELL, RONALD E
 GARDNER, CYNTHIA
 GARDNER, WILLIAM W
 GULKENBURG, MARY L
 HALL, E VICTOR
 HART, JEAN M
 LEBEL, DAVID M
 MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN
 PETERSON, GERTRUDE
 PHINNEY, ROBERT E
 PUFF, KATHLEEN
 ROSS, COLETTE P
 STAFFORD, MILDRED
 SULLIVAN, ELAINE

We are also trying to organize a work day for the Town Hall... Painting, & insulating the floor are the two top items on the agenda. We are thinking of Saturday the 24th October. Please call Patty Olds during the day 371-2300, or Prudie 443-2114.

CORRECTION

Last week we ran a classified for Clay Soup, the correct ad should read:

Wanted: someone to assemble ceramic wind chimes for Clay Soup in Arrowsic. Piecework in your home, flexible hours. Please call 443-6174

NEXT ISSUE GOES TO PRINT NOV 1st- ANY SUBMISSIONS NEED TO BE IN BY OCT 30 -THANKS-

**THANKS TO CLOE JOHNSON, AND JEFF AND LAURIE MANN FOR THEIR \$ CONTRIBUTIONS!
 TOTAL \$25.00**

ARROWSIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WORKDAY

Saturday, Oct. 3

To finish shingling the north side of the roof, build shelves and storage inside in preparation for the arrival of our new fire truck. Lunch for those who would like it will be provided. Please call Ron Proctor, 442-7770 or Prudie Foster, 443-2114 if you are able to come, and let us know what you can bring. THANKS

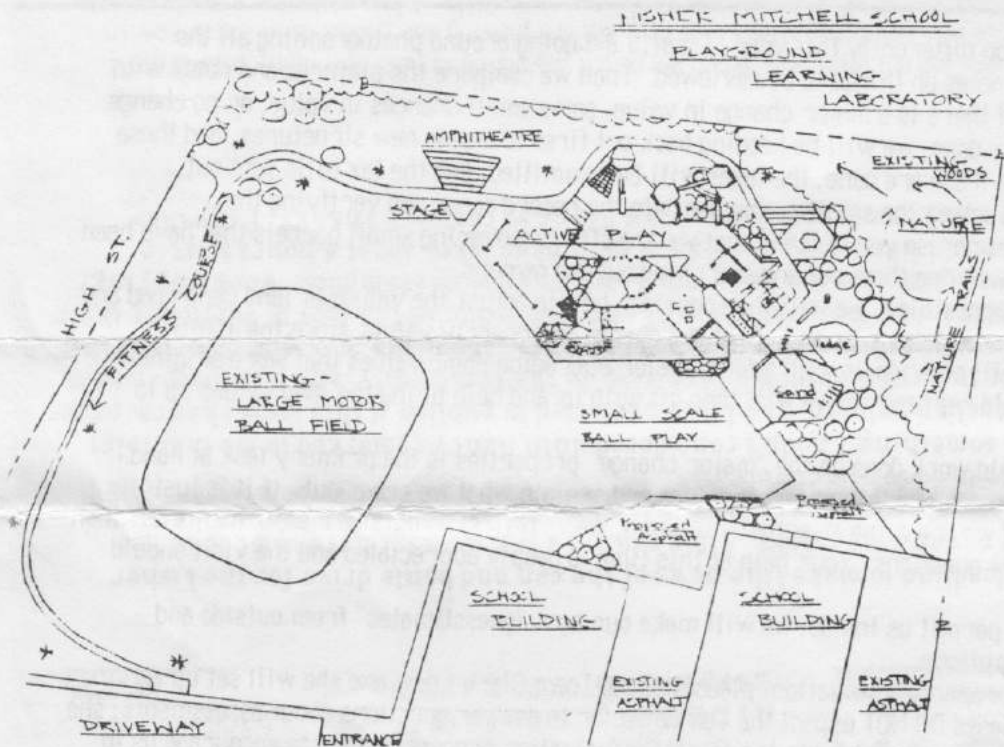
LEARNING THROUGH



PLAY

The long-standing problem of the exterior environment of the Fisher-Mitchell School was recognized in 1985 as needing immediate attention. We are now looking to the community to help us implement the solutions contained in this brochure.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN



FISHER-MITCHELL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND LEARNING LABORATORY

a proposal \$46,000 playground expansion project to benefit the citizens, young and old of Bath - conceived, designed and to be built by community members

WHY: By design it will be safe, multipurpose, creative, educationally stimulating, handicapped accessible and fun.

WHAT: Components will include an active play area, quiet places, nature trail, amphitheater, fitness course, sand area, hot top and playing field.

WHEN: Target completion - June, 1988

HOW: Grants, business and corporate donations, personal donations, in-kind materials and services and school-community projects.

COMMITTEE: General Chairpersons:
Rose and Brian Mulligan
Planning and Design:
Sandy Weiss
Finance: Anne Shankland
Principal: Andree Tostevin
Members:
Terry Geaghan
Kathi Kahrl
Catherine Tait
Dan Shipley
J.R. Phillips
Abbie Schultz
Leslie Hill
Joan Newkirk
Maryann Anglim

ARROWSIC PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN RAISING \$1435.00 TOWARD THE FISHER-MITCHELL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND DURING THE CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE LAST WEEKEND.