

News Around and About Arrowsic...

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## **TOWN OF ARROWSIC OFFICIALS**

**Board of Selectmen:** Pat Harcourt (442-8122), Melissa Textor, Greg Guckenburg (442-80

**Town Clerk:** Sue Elwell

**Tax Collector:** Liz Rollins

**Codes Enforcement Officer:** David Foster

**Regular Town Hall Office Hours:**

Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Fridays, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

## **Productive Meeting of Town Committees Held in August**

Members representing the Road Commission, Recycling, Conservation, Planning, ZBA, Land Committee, and the School Board met with Selectmen and town officials at the Town Hall on the evening of August 26 at the bequest of the selectmen. The purpose of the meeting was to share issues among the various working committees. Many present expressed support of the concept and were pleased to be informed of the issues faced by other committees. One suggestion was to use the Arrow as a forum to inform residents of the various committee's activities. You will find such reports throughout this issue.

### **FROM TOWN CLERK**

\*\*Boat registrations now run from January through December, as of July 1 of this year.

\*\*Migratory Waterfowl stamps are in, they cost \$2.50.

### **\*\*Newest baby arrivals:**

Balthasar Von Huene, William Spencer.

Our sympathy on the passing of **Freda Moore**. She will be greatly missed by Arrowsic residents.

### **FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR**

#### *Car registrations*

We are now able to issue stickers for vehicle re-registrations at the Town Hall. There will be an agent fee of \$3.00 for this service. Please remember that proof of insurance and current mileage is required on all vehicles.

#### *Property taxes*

Reminder notices have been sent to those individuals still owing 1995 property taxes. Please try to take care of these payments before 30 day notices are sent out next month.

### **FROM THE CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,**

The town of Arrowsic and the state of Maine have strict regulations governing timber harvesting and clearing

for permitted uses in the shoreland (within 250 feet of Mean High Tide of any river or stream or any salt water body). The 75-foot buffer strip, immediately along the shore, has more specific guidelines than the remaining 175 feet of shoreland.

Resource Protection District is a more complex definition and is too lengthy to include here. If you are planning on doing any tree cutting in either one of these districts call me a week or two in advance so that I can go over the regulations with you.

The purpose of this article is to insure that the information is available so that costly errors, including replanting of trees, can be prevented. I can be reached at 443-2114 and leave a message if I am not there.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*David R. Foster Sr.*

### **THE ARROWSIC ARROW**

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The Arrow's philosophy is to print everything it receives as long as it meets the demands of tastefulness, respect, and credulity.

**NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2**

### **FROM REGISTRAR OF VOTERS Sue Elwell**

Volunteers are needed for election day in November. Shifts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Also needed are counters to come in after 8 p.m.

If you cannot get to Town Hall to vote there are absentee ballots or if you need a ride please call Sue Elwell.

*Open letter to Arrow readers from Jeff Mann:*

November's election is fast approaching and I would like you to consider using your vote as a tool to open up our political process. There is a difference between Democrats and Republicans, but each party is so large that a clear, consistent stand on certain issues is difficult to achieve. We can enrich our democracy and speak clearly for our environment and our communities by voting Green. This party is young and it needs a chance to grow. You may not like some particular candidates put forward by the Greens, but I hope you can see past personalities to the grass roots effort and volunteer time by hundreds of Maine citizens to do the difficult work of creating a third party. In time, the party will be stronger than its candidates and will challenge the other parties to act on issues that they might rather not act on.

The clear cutting ban, which I do not support as written, is a good example of how an environmental grass roots effort has forced the state to finally do something about our natural resources. In this way, your vote for the Greens will enliven our democratic process and in this way your vote will not be "wasted."

Please vote for John Rensenbrink for Senator and Ralph Nader for President. If you are going to vote Green or wish to talk further on the subject, please call me at 443-6174.

Thank you

*Jeff Mann*

## **NEWS FROM TOWN COMMITTEES**

*From the School Committee...*

### **School Committee Thanks Don Hudson**

The Arrowsic School committee would again like to acknowledge and thank Don Hudson, outgoing school committee member, for his 9 years of service

and dedication. His knowledge and energy were greatly appreciated by the town and all of School Union 47. Wendy Briggs (443-3285) was elected in June to fill his position, joining chairperson Eloise Vitelli (443-4660) and Jerry Pieh (442-7693). Congratulations are extended to Aimee Card, winner of the 1996-97 Arrowsic \$1,000 scholarship.