

# THE ARROWSIC ARROW

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Dear Reader:

Friday, December 23 starting at 7:00, we'll have a Christmas Party for whoever is in town and would like to stop by <sup>the Town Hall</sup> At 7:00, six Arrowsicans will read, "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. It's a wonderful reminiscent narrative and will last probably half an hour. Special guest stars will be some members of the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department, and Jazz Clarinetist Brad Terry will provide background music. There will be refreshments afterwards, AND, if folks are up for it, a bonfire and moonlight ice-skate at the pond. AND, (traveling backwards in time) on Thursday, Dec 22, we will meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 6:15 for Christmas carolling. See you there!

## A REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION

Following the creation of the road commission at the June Town Meeting, the five appointed members (Paul Brown, Dick Elwell, Jenni Jorgensen, Jim Stump, and John Wood) met and hammered out a workable mode of operation. It was decided that the commission would work best if each member took a full and active role with the chairman acting as coordinator. This arrangement has worked well over the past six months.

The number one item on our priority list was stabilization of the situation on the Old Stage Road. The immediate task was to deal with the North side of the "big hill". We made an arrangement with W. Sargeant that resulted in the filling, grading, and seeding that was completed this fall. In regard to a long term plan for the Old Stage Road, both new and old sections, the commission met with several people, both engineers and contractors, in an effort to get a better sense of the options we have available to us.

Sometime after the new year we will be presenting to the town at a public forum alternatives for discussion.

The following are maintenance items that were also done:

1. Roadside grass cutting was done again this year by Albert Maynard of Woolwich.
2. Asphalt patching and some ditching of Old Stage Road was done as an emergency "band-aid" effort to get through the winter.
3. Grading of the Old Stage Road, Bald Head Road, and Steen Road was done by Elmer Berry working through Glenn Jacobs.
4. Roadside cutting was done along Rt. 127 in fulfillment of our no-spray agreement with the state.

For those who think we might actually get some snow this year, the roads will again be plowed by Don Wilson of Georgetown.

Anyone who has any questions or comments about what's going on with the roads, please call me or arrange to come to a road commission meeting.

For the Road Commission,  
Jim Stump

## From the Town Clerk:

All dogs over six months of age need to be licensed by January 1. You will need proof of rabies vaccination. If the animal has been spayed or neutered, the fee is \$3.00, otherwise it's \$6.50. Any questions can be directed to Prudie Foster 443-2114. Thank you

## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Randall G. Arendt, Associate Director of the Center for Rural Massachusetts, will be speaking in Augusta on January 25 and 26. Mr. Arendt is a very articulate proponent of cluster housing as a means of preserving open space. He says, "Large lot zoning destroys open space and town character. It consumes land at an alarming rate and leaves a bland, homogenized landscape, with lot dimensions, building placement, and road layouts predetermined by a straitjacket of uniform zoning regulations."

He will be co-sponsored by the City of Augusta and the Southern Kennebec Planning and Development Council, to which Arrowsic belongs. On January 25 we may send two representatives to the evening meeting. On January 26, his presentation will be from 1-4 at the Augusta Civic Center and will cost \$5.00. He is an excellent speaker and his presentation is very thought-provoking. As the Comprehensive Planning Committee wrestles with this issue, it is in the interests of all townspeople who can to attend this presentation. I will be happy to fill my car Jan. 26. Call 443-3954.

Lucy Stinson  
Chair, Comprehensive Planning Committee

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meetings are open to all townspeople all of the time. In January we will meet on the 9, 16, and 30 at 7pm. We try to wrap up by 9pm. At the first meeting, at least, we will be grappling with cluster housing, lot size, and affordable housing issues.

## Dear Fellow Arrowsicans,

I'll be traveling to Nicaragua as part of a construction brigade February 12 through March 4. Much of this Central American nation has been devastated by 10 years of war and the recent hurricane Joan with its 130 mph winds. I am seeking to raise 1/2 the \$800.00 it will cost me to participate side by side with Nicaraguans in a North American humanitarian effort. If you'd like to help or have any questions please give me a call at 442-7770 before January 7.

Thanks,  
Ron Proctor


it will be a great day  
when  
our schools  
get all the money  
they need  
and the air force  
has to hold  
a bake sale  
to buy a  
bomber



**Thanks for \$ contributions!**

Norma Barter  
Anonymous

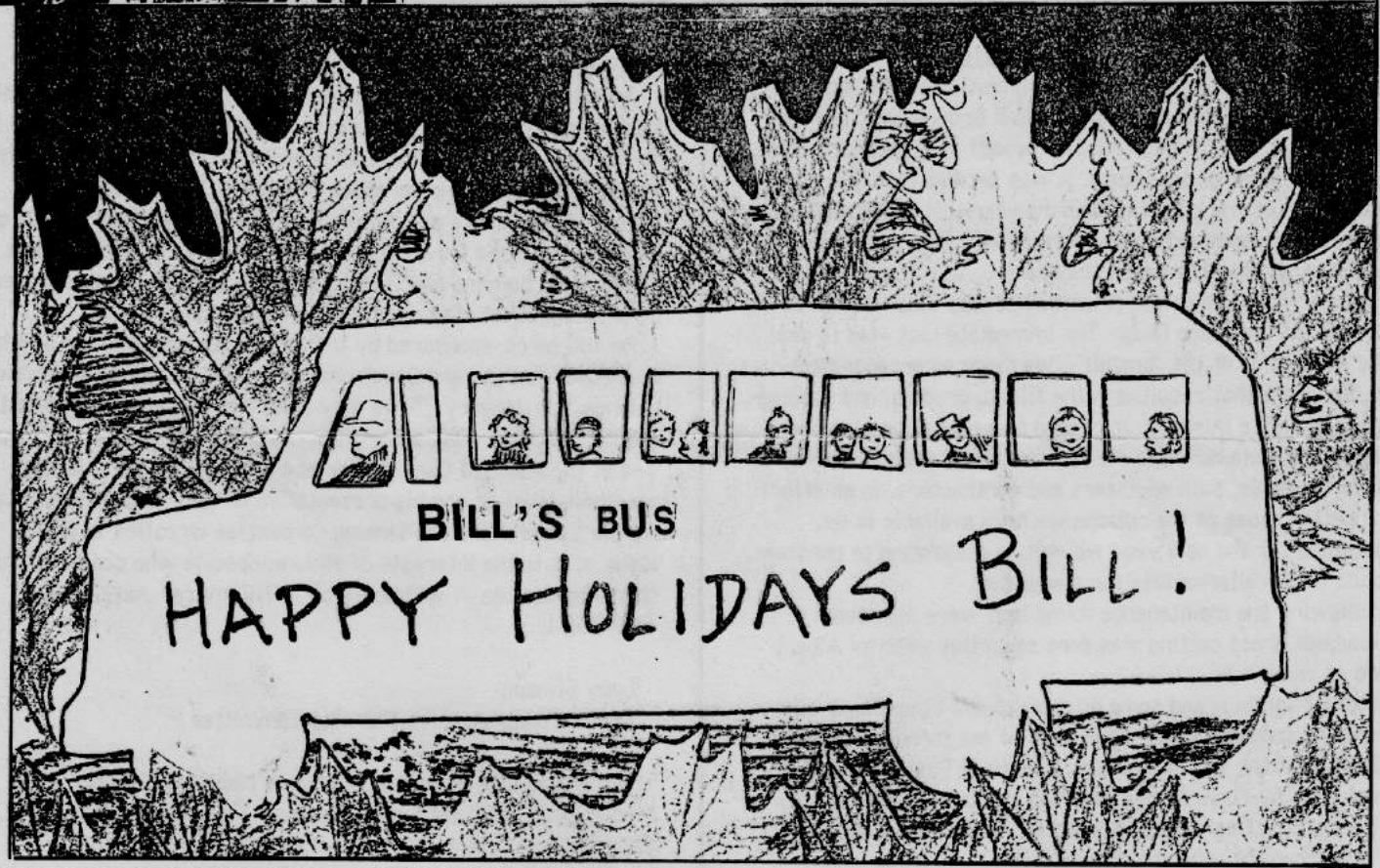
**Free to a good home:** We have 3 cats that need homes. I will pay to have them altered if you will give them a home. Call 443-2114

peaceful holidays to everyone from  
Patty Jds, editor of the ARROW. 

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
GEORGE THE BEST MAILMAN, AND BILL THE BEST  
BUS DRIVER FROM ALL OF US IN ARROWSIC!**

The following cars have registrations due in January:

- AINSWORTH, CAROL A
- ATER, DAVID
- BRAWN, CHARLES W
- CARLTON, CELIA
- CARLTON, FRANK R
- DAVIS, NANCY A
- DUBE, HELEN S
- ELWELL, G KAY
- ELWELL, KIMBERLY
- ELWELL, RICHARD H
- HEATH, RALPH
- HUTTON, RABYRNE
- JORGENSEN, MARK
- JORGENSEN, MARK
- KINGSBURY, BEVERLY A
- MACMAHAN, JOSEPH
- RICHARDSON, JOAN
- SHULTZ, ROBERT E
- SPEHLING, ALICE
- TARA, JOZEF
- WARNER, JOHN W III
- WHITE, JOHN L SR



Jacki Burke  
5 HAWK  
matt cordy  
SAM  
Allison  
KARRA  
Jessica  
Paul  
Stinson  
Jan Erick  
Kevin  
Bobby  
Happy Holiday  
thanks for  
everything -  
July 3  
David II Cousins  
Aleshia  
Tommy  
Carrie

ELIZABETH  
BENDANPS HANNO  
MICKEY G  
RACHEL  
KENNY  
CHARLIE  
Tommy  
Carrie

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## Goal:

To maintain and improve the quality of existing housing and the provision of safe, sanitary and affordable housing. To allow housing of all types. To limit housing growth to a level that can be reasonably supported by taxpayers.

## Objectives:

- o Allow a variety of housing types.
- o Allow safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income, elderly and handicapped residents.
- o Encourage the maintenance and upgrading of existing housing.
- o To permit higher density housing in selected areas in order to facilitate affordable housing. To encourage the provision of affordable housing in conjunction with future subdivisions.
- o To regulate the impact of housing and population growth in the town through the development of a growth control ordinance.
- o To develop incentives for housing and subdivisions which protect and provide access to significant parcels of open space

LAND USE:

## Goal:

To encourage a pattern of community growth and development that complements existing land uses, guides growth away from areas unsuitable for development, and promotes a future high quality living environment.

## Objectives:

- o Ensure that newly developed areas are compatible with existing uses of land.
- o To protect historic buildings and sites.
- o To protect the quality of surface and groundwater by encouraging development in areas with adequate soil capability for waste disposal.
- o To protect route 127 as the major arterial in the Town by controlling roadside development which would decrease traffic safety and convenience, and which would detract from the scenic qualities of the road.
- o To preserve space for existing and future water-dependent uses.
- o To provide public access to the waterfront for scenic and recreational purposes, and traditional harvesting of marine resources.
- o To protect natural resources and environmental quality.
- o To develop regional solutions to regional land-use problems which affect local conditions.
- o To develop a policy to guide the use and disposition of tax acquired property.

## Goal:

To develop a coordinated approach to land use development that incorporates comprehensive review of the impacts of growth and development.

## Objectives:

- o Incorporate land carrying capacity data into development designs.
- o Consider the adequacy of existing community services and facilities in the review of all development proposals.
- o Preserve and maintain open space areas.
- o Encourage development designs and land use controls that avoid "strip development" along roadways.
- o To require developers to pay their fair share of development related municipal costs through a system of impact fees.

NATURAL RESOURCES:

## Goal:

To preserve and protect wildlife habitat and populations including fragile environmental areas, unique natural areas, critical habitats and population levels.

## Objectives:

- o Maintain or enhance wildlife populations at levels consistent with federal, state, and local management goals through the protection of species and their habitats from incompatible land uses and developments.
- o Create future growth patterns through zoning to direct development to suitable areas and away from sensitive natural areas.
- o Encourage use of tax incentives (including Tree Growth and Farm/Open Space laws) and land trusts to protect large tracts of undeveloped land.
- o Encourage agricultural use of land to help maintain open unforested land critical to some wildlife species.
- o Discourage shoreland development in and adjacent to the environmentally sensitive wetlands of the Back River and in the Sewall Pond watershed.
- o Use overlay zones to protect isolated critical natural features.
- o Provide for buffer zones adjacent to land set aside for conservation or for environmental research.
- o Seek to cooperate with adjacent towns in protection of critical wildlife habitat along common boundaries.
- o Discourage and/or prohibit the use of herbicides and insecticides by local and state agencies.
- o Support state level efforts to maintain open space such as land use transfer tax, land speculation tax, Land for Maine's Future Program.

## Goal:

To protect and preserve water resources.

## Objectives:

- o Identify and protect subsurface water and adjacent recharge areas.
- o Zone for housing densities which are consistent with identified sewage disposal capacities.
- o Locate potential high density housing zones in areas consistent with future development of a municipal water supply and/or sewage system.
- o Consider all wetlands as important elements of the fresh water recharge system, to be protected from pollution.
- o Require owners of overboard sewage disposal systems to properly maintain such systems and to change to alternate methods wherever possible.
- o Protect the water quality of Sewall Pond through restricted development of its watershed.
- o Accurately define the town flood plain boundaries and protect against pollution caused by flooding.

## Goal:

To protect and enhance marine resources.

## Objectives:

- o Secure sufficient public access to the shoreland to meet the public need for recreation and marine related activities.
- o Direct the development of marine facilities and activities toward appropriate areas and avoid impact of environmentally sensitive areas.
- o Support continued efforts to abate pollution in the Kennebec River system including that caused by local overboard discharge.

NATURAL RESOURCES cont:

Goal:  
Create outdoor recreational opportunities for town residents which take advantage of and are compatible with the town's natural resources.

- Objectives:
- o Continue efforts to maintain the Sewall Pond conservation area for walking, nature study and similar non-impact recreation activities.
  - o Discourage the posting of large tracts of land, while encouraging responsible use of such land by town residents.
  - o Encourage the development of cross-country ski, walking and horseback riding trails.
  - o Cooperate with public and private sources holding large tracts of property (such as the Nature Conservancy and Holt Woodland Trust) in providing educational opportunities for the public.
  - o Continue to restrict the use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) in accordance with current ordinances.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Goal:  
To encourage a stable regional economic base that will maintain a quality living environment in the town.

- Objectives:
- o To support regional objectives that provide economic stability to the town.
  - o To limit commercial activity in town to home businesses.
  - o To investigate the feasibility of creating a water dependent use zone to provide for potential future commercial marine activities.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES:

Goal:  
To provide or ensure the availability of required municipal services in an efficient and cost-effective manner for both current and future needs.

- Objectives:
- o To provide and improve town buildings and facilities as necessary to meet the needs of the Town.
  - o To provide quality fire protection services to the community.
  - o To ensure availability of police protection for the town.
  - o To ensure the availability of emergency services.
  - o To provide a management system which will enable town officials to efficiently administer town government.
  - o To provide for safe, sanitary, cost-effective and ecologically responsible disposal of municipal waste. To promote waste reduction through education and recycling.
  - o To investigate the options available for municipal access to the shore.

Goal:  
To provide for and encourage a system of safe roads for the delivery of persons, goods and necessary services.

- Objectives:
- o Develop construction and maintenance standards for new and existing town roads.
  - o Upgrade all town roads to appropriate standards.
  - o Ensure continued maintenance of all roads in accordance with standards.
  - o Support appropriate measures to manage high volume and potential accident-prone areas.
  - o Maintain communications with MDOT concerning state roads.

1988 ARROWSIC COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

1. Most important factors in defining and preserving the "character of Arrowsic"
 

Land Use:	open and undeveloped space - 79
	undeveloped shoreline - 72
Town Government:	selectman form of government - 59
	town meeting government - 55
Town Environment:	rural atmosphere - 85
	quietness - 64
	natural beauty - 81
2. When asked if Arrowsic should become a bedroom community, a small town, or a mixed use community, 48.5% of the respondents stated bedroom community and 46.5% stated small town. (Bedroom = mostly residences and open space; small town = mixing residential, farm use and light commercial activity; mixed use = encouraging a diversity and mixture of rural, residential, commercial and industrial activity.)
3. Under Municipal Services, many respondents felt that more money should be spent to maintain the town hall and meeting facilities and on the hours of the tax collector and town clerk, and less should be spent on road upgrading and fire protection. However, most individuals felt that the current level of funding is about right.
4. 77% of survey respondents did not feel that the town should automatically take over a subdivision road built to the road standards.
5. Most respondents felt that the town should continue to cooperate with other towns and regional agencies to provide services that are too expensive or complex for the town to provide on its own.
6. Recycling:
  - 56 respondents are participating in voluntary recycling; 43 are not;
  - 81 respondents would be willing to participate if it reduced the Town's solid waste costs; 10 would not;
  - 81 respondents would be willing to participate even if it did not reduce solid waste disposal costs; 13 would not.
7. 68.5% of the respondents would support continued efforts by the Town to identify and develop public access to the shore. Most people preferred a private (limited to Arrowsic citizens) launch ramp or a foot access only/canoe launch site. There was also significant support for holding such access for future use.
8. 75.5% did not feel the town should subsidize the installation of cable TV.
9. 96 respondents felt that the Town should take measures to preserve open space and undeveloped land; 4 did not. The most appropriate means to do this were thought to be:
  - tax incentives for preserving open space
  - legal restrictions on development in particular areas
10. The greatest need for recreational facilities were felt to be a boat launch ramp and waterfront access.
11. 67.7% felt that the Town should pursue acquisition of federally owned properties in town, such as the light stations.
12. The problems considered major by the respondents were
  - population growth
  - land speculation
  - property taxes
  - lack of solid waste disposal plan
  - speeding vehicles
  - rapid housing growth
 Issues not considered a problem were:
  - lack of housing
  - lack of industry
  - lack of commercial growth
13. Most respondents, 72.6%, did not feel that the town should have a commercial district.
14. There was general support for increasing lot sizes in town to approximately 5 acres. However, the respondents were split almost 50/50 on whether the town should encourage development in some areas and discourage it in others. 81.2% felt that lots in town should be at least 2 acres.
15. 87 respondents said the town should encourage clustering of houses within a subdivision to preserve open space; 46 said it should not.
16. 79 respondents were in favor of limiting the number of home building permits issued per year to manage growth; 16 were not.
17. Most respondents supported impact fees.
18. To provide affordable housing, most respondents supported cluster housing and making some subdivision lots available to residents at reduced cost.

- o Improve and support identification of all public and private roads.
- Goal:  
To develop a capital improvement plan which will provide for the future financing of needed capital expenditures for the maintenance and/or expansion of public facilities and equipment to meet the present and future needs of the community.
- Objective:  
o Create a standing budget committee to assist the selectmen in developing the capital improvement plan and to annually review and update the plan.