

The Arrowsic Arrow

News Around & About Arrowsic

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Arrowsic Town Meeting

Highlights

On June 14, at 6:30 PM, 71 Arrowsic residents gathered at the Fire Station to conduct their annual Town Meeting. Barbara Boyce was re-elected as Town Clerk and called the meeting to order. Eloise Vitelli was chosen to moderate.

Liz Rollins was honored with the Annual Report dedication.

Elections of Town officials followed. William Savedoff was re-elected to the Select Board; Mary MacDonald was re-elected Town Treasurer; and Jon Biehler was newly elected Town Tax Collector.

The Town voted on 56 articles (as outlined in the Warrant) and the Town voted to raise \$224,512 for FY18-19, including the addition of four new paid positions; Town Administrator, IT Coordinator, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk. The additional salaries will be offset by reductions in current Select Board salaries based on re-assigned responsibilities. The resulting impact on the budget is an increase of \$12,793 over FY17-18.



With town tax collector Liz Rollins standing by, Select Board chair Sukey Heard reads a dedication and announces Liz's retirement after 22 years

Announcements and Areas of Discussion

Revaluation. The Select Board announced that the revaluation of town properties will not be completed this year due to the sudden illness of our assessor. Therefore, the real estate taxes that will be due in January 2019 will be calculated based on existing property assessments. The revalued assessments will be reflected in the property tax bills that will be due in January 2020.

Roads. Jim Stump, Road Commissioner, indicated that the Town road paving was deferred this year. Spinney Mill Rd is a likely candidate for the upcoming year. Jim also noted that there have been several conversations with MDOT about the sideline painting on Rte. 127 to yield a three-foot shoulder. Hopefully, this will be a reality when we are reading this. [ed: which, Jim informs us, it now is. Thank you MDOT!]

Recycling: Katherine Smith, representing the Recycling Committee, announced that the anticipated increase in the costs of recycling is due to decreasing interest in recycled products on the international market. Arrowsicians were reminded to clean recyclables before putting them on the curb to reduce items that cannot be recycled. Additionally, our town's proportion of 'recycled trash' to 'landfill trash' has decreased this year. A colorful handout, suitable for posting on kitchen refrigerators was distributed and is available at Town Hall.

Alewife Conservation: A question arose regarding the alewife harvesting timeline. Phine Ewing explained that although our alewife conservation efforts have been successful, thanks to dedicated volunteers, our alewife harvesting restrictions must remain in place for several more years to comply with State recommendations.

Capital Improvements: It was announced that Malcolm Persen was appointed to restart the Town Property Committee, working with Selectmen and the Planning Board to implement improvements to town properties and providing the Town with a planning document in the coming months.

Miscellaneous: Dale Carlton reported that \$167,000 was spent on the new fire truck, now being outfitted in Island Falls. (p 11) Bath provides our ambulance service. Ash Kahrl and Bath Printers were congratulated on doing a fine job printing the 2018 Annual Report. In response to a question, Sukey Heard replied that Spencer Knowles and Alex Martin were the recipients of this year's Arrowsic Scholarship. Congratulations! (p 9)

Arrowsicians voted that the next Town Meeting will be held on June 13, 2019. Town Meeting was adjourned just after eight, the chairs and tables were folded, replaced in the corner, 'so-longs' were exchanged, and we were home before dark.

- submitted by Nancy Brown-Stump and Suzanne Gunston

From the Select Board

Town Approves New Positions at Town Meeting

Arrowsic approved the creation of four new part-time paid positions along with salary adjustments at the Town Meeting in June. The Select Board proposed these new positions because of increasing administrative demands on the Town. After researching how administration is managed in other towns and holding public meetings to solicit input, the Select Board developed the proposal that was put before the Town. The new positions will improve the way the Town functions by transferring routine tasks to a Town Administrator and IT coordinator, and by making it possible for the Tax Collector and Town Clerk to appoint paid deputies.

The Administrator position is for 10 hours/week and the IT coordinator is for 2 hours/week. Job descriptions are posted at the Town Hall and available online at www.arrowsic.org. The same person can hold these positions. The qualifications for IT coordinator do not require sophisticated knowledge of computers, but the person should be comfortable enough to troubleshoot problems and know when to contact our professional software support. If you or someone you know would be interested in any of these positions, please contact Bill Savedoff (bill.savedoff@gmail.com) or any of the Select Board members.

Revaluation Delayed by One Year

Until recently, the revaluation process was proceeding on schedule. The assessors hired by the Select Board were able to visit and document 98 percent of the homes in Town as of their February report. Unfortunately, the senior assessor subsequently had a serious illness and, while he is recovering well, this interrupted the market analysis required to attach values to the information about properties.

The Select Board decided it would be better not to rush that analysis and so has agreed to delay completion of the revaluation process by one year. This means that property tax bills that are sent out this fall (2018) will be based on current valuations. The results of the new revaluation will be reflected in property tax bills that are sent out next fall (2019).

Arrowsic Election Results

✓ = statewide winner

Democratic Primary

Governor

Cote, Adam – 59
Dion, Donna – 1
Dion, Mark – 12
Eves, Mark – 25
✓Mills, Janet – 27
Russell, Dian Marie – 3
Sweet, Elizabeth – 11
Vachon J. Martin (declared write-in) – 0
Blank – 7

United States Senator

✓Ringelstein, Zak – 83
Blank – 62

Representative to Congress (District 1)

✓Pingree, Chellie – 132
Blank – 13

State Senator (District 23)

✓Vitelli, Eloise – 134
Blank – 11

Representative to the Legislature (District 53)

✓Hepler, Allison – 128
Blank – 17

Country Treasurer

✓Ward, Sarah Michelle – 120
Blank – 25

District Attorney (District 6)

✓Irving, Natasha C. – 120
Blank – 25

Referenda

Question 1: People's Veto

✓Yes – 158
No – 58
Blank – 0

Republican Primary

Governor

Fredette, Kenneth Wade – 1
Mason, Garrett Paul – 6
Mayhew, Mary - 11
✓Moody, Shawn – 14
Blank – 5

United States Senator

✓Brakey, Eric - 20
Linn, Patrick – 0
Blank – 17

Representative to Congress (District 1)

✓Holbrook, Mark – 31
Blank – 6

State Senator (District 23)

✓Wasserott, Susan – 31
Blank – 6

Representative to the Legislature (District 53)

✓Pierce, Jeffrey - 31
Blank – 6

Register of Deeds

✓Moore, Lynne – 29
Blank – 1

District Attorney (District 6)

✓Lieberman, Jonathan – 30
Blank – 7

RSU #1: Budget Validation Referendum

✓Yes – 175
No – 30
Blank – 5

Report from the 3 Bridged Islands Broadband Task Force

The Broadband Task Force formed in September 2015 as a citizen initiative to improve internet service in Arrowsic and Georgetown. Southport joined in July 2017, and the effort is now called *3 Bridged Islands Broadband Initiative*. The Task Force continues to hold weekly status calls.

At a special town meeting in October 2017, Arrowsic residents voted unanimously to allocate \$5,000 from surplus to support an engineering study. This report describes the results of the engineering study, current status, and further plans.

What the Task Force Has Done

- In Fall 2015, conducted a needs and speeds survey for Arrowsic and Georgetown.
- Researched options for upgrading broadband service: improving the current copper-based service that runs over phone lines or moving to a new wireless or fiber-based solution.
- Requested and reviewed upgrade plans from internet providers including Fairpoint/Consolidated, GWI, Red Zone, AiroComm, Pioneer, and Axiom.
- Attended meetings sponsored by ConnectME, the Island Institute, Maine Broadband Coalition, and others to learn what the State and other Maine towns are doing to improve rural broadband.
- Applied for a ConnectME planning grant in spring of 2016. Our application was not successful, but we continued to collect information needed by providers to create a plan and budget.
- Mapped households, power poles, and broadband assets in Arrowsic and Georgetown.
- In Summer 2017, engaged with the Island Institute for their guidance. The Island Institute's mission includes facilitating broadband for non-bridged as well as bridged islands.
- In Fall 2017, issued a Request for Information to internet providers for an engineering study and cost projection. Axiom and GWI responded, and the Task Force selected Axiom. The study was financed through a 50% grant (\$15,000) from the Island Institute with matching funds provided by the three towns and private contributions from the Derecktor Robinhood Marina and from individuals on the 3BI Task Force.
- On April 11, 2018, Axiom presented draft results from the engineering study results to a community meeting in Georgetown. The Task Force requested changes to ensure the plan meets our goal of offering high-speed broadband to all businesses and individuals in the three communities. The biggest change was adding seasonal households, which is a big factor for Georgetown and Southport. The updated draft will soon be available online.
- Formed a subcommittee to investigate options for financing and multi-community legal structure. In this effort we have sought guidance from the Island Institute, Coastal Enterprise Institute, Eaton Peabody law firm, Downeast Economic Development, and E.C. Fiber.

What We Have Learned

- Like other infrastructure, high speed internet access is essential for the long-term viability of our communities for employment, education, phone/TV, health care, economic development, and overall quality of life.
- Though Fairpoint/Consolidated plans to incrementally upgrade the existing copper-based system over time, they will not estimate when major improvements may become available to us. And because copper broadband solutions are highly distance-sensitive, performance would always depend on house/business locations relative to the broadband switches. A copper-based system can never approach the speeds of which a fiber-based system is capable.

- Fiber systems are much better than copper systems for rural Maine, due in part to Maine’s foresighted ‘Three Ring Binder’ fiber backbone loop that runs along Route 1 and the proven track record of fiber technology in terms of scalability, performance, and long-term economics. With fiber, all subscribers enjoy the same high-speed performance regardless of their location. Unlike copper-based systems, the upload speed of fiber is equivalent to the download speed, an important factor for businesses and home-office subscribers.
- Due to rural economics, commercial internet providers are often willing to build and/or operate a fiber broadband solution for a fee but are not willing to pay for building a network themselves. We will need to create a ‘public-private partnership’ so that the towns will own the network. The bottom line is that *nobody is going to do it for us*. Commercial firms can find better returns elsewhere.
- Maine is a leader in facilitating public-private partnerships for broadband. Recent legislation allows multi-town groups to form a regional municipal utility district (RMUD) to create broadband solutions. Downeast Economic Development is using this structure for the Calais/Baileyville fiber broadband project.
- Other rural communities are upgrading their internet with fiber solutions:
 - E.C. Fiber, a Vermont municipal utility serving 14 towns, got started with private startup funding, but has since successfully switched to municipal revenue bonding.
 - Cranberry Isles recently completed a fiber-to-the-home solution, built by Axiom and financed by a USDA grant and town funding.
 - Calais/Baileyville formed a private-public partnership using Maine’s RMUD statute.
 - And Chebeague Island formed a broadband working group in 2016 that is working with Axiom and the Island Institute to upgrade to a fiber broadband solution.

What We Are Planning to Do Next

- Identify a company willing to build a turnkey system that we consider optimal for the future. The probable path is to issue a Request For Proposal based on information from the Axiom engineering study and then select a vendor to construct and operate the network. This process will necessarily be simultaneous with setting up a funding model. Once we select a vendor, we will know the true construction costs.
- Establish a Not for Profit or RMUD organization to enable accepting and disbursing funds. Multiple funding sources will be required including bank financing, private investment, grants, and town backing. The multi-town structure and possible funding options are tightly linked.
- Continue outreach efforts to inform residents about broadband potentials and options as outlined in the engineering study. Determine the likely ‘take-rate’, as this is key for the financing model. We will also update our online presence with a new website.
- Bring proposals to the Town Select Boards for a multi-town organization structure and financing model.

The 3 Bridged Islands Broadband Task Force has much still to do! If you’d like to help, please email mark.aukeman@ag-broadbanders.org.

The *Arrow* would like to hear your questions regarding broadband, which we will address in upcoming issues. Please email your questions to pschlein@gmail.com.

- submitted by Ken Hnottavange-Telleen for the 3 Bridged Islands Broadband Task Force

Browntail Moth Update – June 2018

The Maine Forest Service, through aerial and ground population surveys, has determined that, for 2018, the entire island of Arrowsic falls within the high-risk zone for exposure to browntail moth (<https://tinyurl.com/yb2swc8m>). However, following a request sent through the Arrowsic Google Group, the responses indicate a significant variation in the population levels, moving north to south, with the north the lowest and the south the highest. The accompanying color-coded map of the island shows this progress.

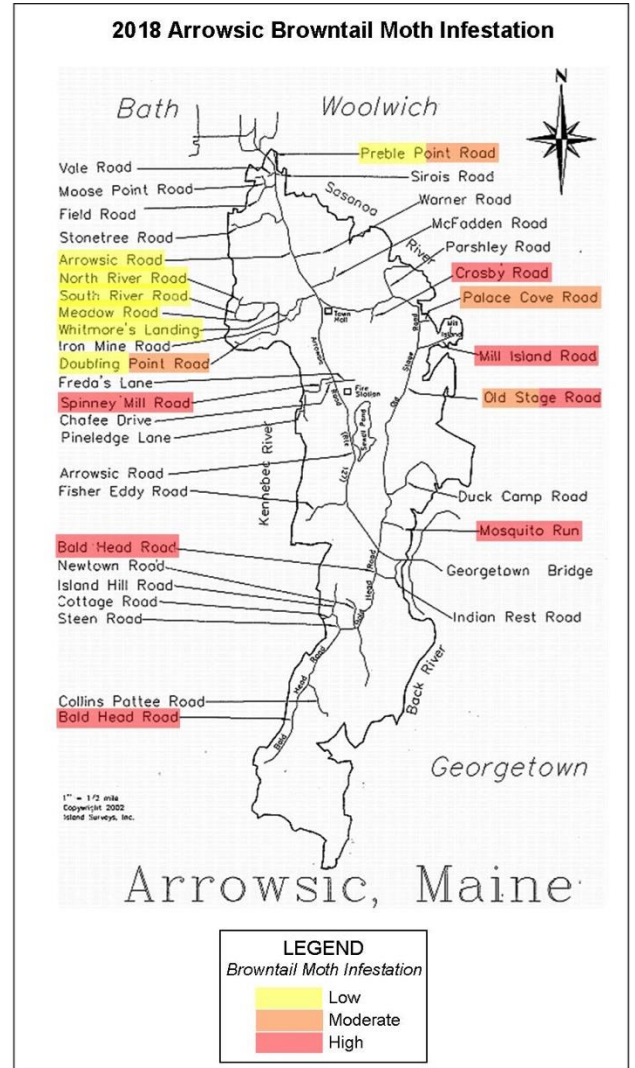
Reports in the north and west of the island were that 2016 was the worst infestation, with steadily decreasing populations in 2017 and 2018. In the south and east, observations were the opposite, where there were virtually no browntail moths observed in 2016, increasing in 2017, and rising to extreme levels this year. The conclusion might be that populations will continue to decrease in the north to minimal levels, and, over the next couple of years, the same may occur in the south.

Cold, wet spring weather can play a significant role in decreasing populations by encouraging the growth of a native fungus, *Entomophaga aulicae*, that attacks the caterpillars. Even with the relatively dry spring this year, some evidence of this may have been observed, including at least one report of significant caterpillar mortality due to fungus on Bald Head Road. This may be a good sign for next year, as it was last year in the north of the island as well as in Bath (<https://tinyurl.com/ycwoglp>).

Pruning of the browntail moth webs in fall, winter, and spring, was the most widely reported control method, with several reports of pesticides being applied through spraying and tree injections. Oaks and fruit trees were the primary targets of the moths. Partial and complete tree defoliations were widely reported. Whether trees recover depends on various circumstances, including how many times defoliation occurs, how early in the season the tree is defoliated, and how much of the tree is affected. For detailed information about the potential effects of defoliation on trees, one older study seems to be fairly comprehensive (<https://tinyurl.com/y9n2zup8>).

Many reported employing various methods of personal protection, as recommended by the Maine Forest Service, including wearing coveralls when working outside, and performing various outdoor tasks, such as mowing lawns, on damp days, or wetting down areas to keep the caterpillar hairs from becoming airborne (<https://tinyurl.com/y9sbaekn>). Nevertheless, rashes from exposure to browntail moth hairs were widely reported, although there were at least two reports, even in high infestation areas, of no reaction at all. Remedies included various over-the-counter topical creams and gels with cortisone or antihistamines, including one produced by a local pharmacy, as well as antihistamine pills, all of which were reported as effective to some degree in ameliorating the itching and rash.

- submitted by Paul Schlein



Base map courtesy of John Wood, Island Surveys, Inc., Arrowsic

Island Transport

A committee in Georgetown has been exploring the possibilities for transport as part of their discussions about Aging in Place. Maine is the oldest state and is one of the most rural, begging the question of how we get around when we become either too disabled or too fearful to drive.

At a recent meeting, we learned that programs already exist in some of our larger neighboring communities, and these programs would like to expand to Arrowsic and Georgetown.

- Transportation Not For Profit is partially funded by the Federal Transportation Administration. Sagadahoc County and Brunswick/Harpswell are two of their five regions.
- Since Coastal Trans went out of business in 2017, Mid Coast Public Transportation, (207) 338-4769, has taken over operations of the Bath bus line. A ride outside the established routes costs \$1.04 a mile or 44 cents per mile with a Mainecare discount. MCPT operates daily from 8 to 4 Monday through Friday.
- Mid Coast Connector is the broker for rides provided through Mainecare free of charge. Riders need to make reservations two days in advance.
- People Plus is a not for profit organization in Brunswick, funded by several sources. One of their programs is the volunteer Transportation Network, or VTN, which provides free rides to residents of Harpswell, Brunswick and Topsham. People Plus has offered to provide services to Georgetown for an annual fee of \$500. If that should occur it would present an opportunity for Arrowsic to participate also. More information is available at www.peopleplusmaine.org/vtn.

Current fares from Georgetown Town Hall are:

- Ship City Taxi (389-4235): \$27 to Mid Coast Hospital and \$84 to Portland Jetport.
- Platinum Plus Taxi (443-9166): \$25 to the hospital and \$66 to the Jetport.
- Brunswick Taxi (729-3688): \$25-30 to the hospital and \$60 to the Jetport.
- Uber or Lyft: \$21-25 to the hospital and \$51-67 to the Jetport.

The speakers emphasized that there has been no problem getting volunteer drivers in these communities. The problem is getting riders. Part of the reason is the typical rural Yankee hesitancy to admit needing help. Pride doesn't age well, but if those of us who live on the islands and peninsulas of the coast can accept what's offered in the spirit of community, it might make it easier to age in place. Something to think about.

- submitted by Bob Kalish

Cement Truck Goes Off Road

Last September, a cement truck rolled over on Whitmore's Landing Road. According to the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department, the truck was traveling too fast, got too close to the edge, slid into the ditch, and landed on its side. A special boom truck and two heavy tow trucks were needed to extricate the truck. There were no injuries, but the road was closed to all traffic from the morning, when the accident occurred, until the evening.

- submitted by Paul Schlein



Photo courtesy of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office

Notes and Notices

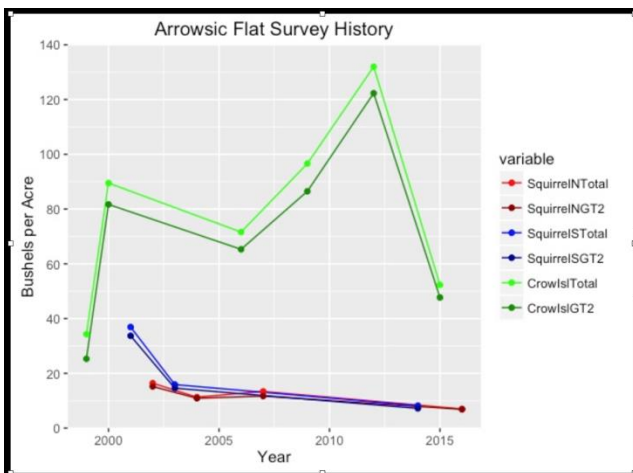
Shellfish Conservation Committee

On May 28, Arrowsic welcomed 167,000 baby clams to their new home, under nets, at the North Squirrel Point clam flat. The installation is part of an experiment being conducted by Manomet, a non-profit in Brunswick, in partnership with clammer Wendell Cressey and the Town. For the next three or four years, Wendell will tend the clam farm, making sure that nets are in good repair, and removing them every winter and replacing them every spring. If and when the clams grow big enough to harvest, he will dig them up and sell them.

The Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Committee has been surveying the clams at our three flats for 18 years. We have also surveyed green crabs around the island. We have found falling numbers of clams on all the flats, but the numbers at North Squirrel are particularly low. It is believed that this is the result of large numbers of green crabs consuming young clams. It's difficult to see how clam populations can rise unless they're protected from crabs. After much research and discussion, the committee felt that this experimental project with Wendell and Manomet was a good way to try to maintain some clams at North Squirrel while contributing to finding solutions for the larger problem.

The farm is staked with orange poles visible at both high and low tide on the town flat nearest the lighthouse. If you happen to find something wrong with nets or anything else, please email lisamargonelli@gmail.com.

This year Clam Camp events will begin on August 12. Join us for art projects, some clam digging, and other serious fun in the intertidal zone. We welcome people of all ages, especially kids. There may be opportunities to count green crabs and plant clams in September. Please contact education@arrowsic.org for the full schedule.



Since 2000, the numbers of clams found in surveys on Arrowsic's flats have fallen. The red lines are North Squirrel Flat; the blue are South Squirrel, and the green are for Crow Island



Clams lie under nets at Squirrel Point. (Photo credit: John Hagen's drone)

- submitted by Lisa Margonelli for the Shellfish Conservation Committee

Nurse's Notes

Best wishes to all in Arrowsic. We have spent some of the winter months teaching Heartsaver CPR to 20 townfolks. Thanks to all who participated, and this opportunity will be available again in October 2018. Just contact me at cwoodman@arrowsic.org and I'll set up a class for you. Be part of the 'Life is Why' team; you'll be glad you did.

Browntail moth caterpillars are back. Please wear protective clothing while working outdoors; long sleeves (preferably polyester) and long pants, as well as garden gloves. Wash skin with cool water if rashes appear and apply anti-itch lotions. (see p 6) Some of these strategies will also help protect you from ticks.

A 'Reportable Diseases' chart is available from Maine CDC (<https://tinyurl.com/ycbpnm7>). You may find these statistics interesting. Note especially the increase of sexually transmitted diseases (Chlamydia and Gonorrhea), and chronic Hepatitis C. This information is important to us all.

Our neighbors in Bath and Georgetown have developed 'Age Friendly Community' programs, and we in Arrowsic could benefit by supporting these efforts to improve the quality of life for our aging population. If you or someone you know wishes to be involved or wants more information, please contact me. (see 'Island Transport,' p 8)

Have a safe and healthy summer. Get out and play!!

- submitted by Christine Woodman R.N.

The Arrowsic Propane Cooperative

The Arrowsic Propane Co-op is the brainchild of Matt Bachman. Matt knew that if the town could marshal a significant number of propane users, a local dealer could buy in bulk and give the group a lower price than retail. Each year Matt calls the area dealers to get a price. For the last four years M.W. Sewall of Bath has supplied propane to the co-op at a price well below the market. This year, for example, Sewall's price for prepaid propane is \$2.749, but for our co-op, the price is just \$1.499.

As the co-op has grown larger, our purchasing power has grown, and the co-op could always use new members. Since the contracts went into effect on June 15, no more members may join this year. However, for 2019 we will put information about the co-op on the town website, www.arrowsic.org, so that both old and new members will be able to download contracts and join the co-op. The co-op is open ONLY to Arrowsic residences; M.W. Sewall will not deliver propane under this plan outside of our town.

Members have saved hundreds of dollars thanks to the co-op. Thanks, Matt!

- submitted by Paul Kalkstein

Scholarship Committee

This year the Arrowsic Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that Alex Martin and Spencer Knowles have each been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship towards their college studies. We wish to congratulate Alex and Spencer along with all the 2018 Arrowsic graduates!

The Scholarship Committee welcomes your support by attending the annual yard sale (September 8, 2018), where all proceed go towards scholarships for Arrowsic students, or by donation with tax deductible checks made out to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund. With your help we can lessen the financial burden of post secondary education for our Arrowsic families.

- submitted by Anita Lichman for the Education Committee



Spencer Knowles and Alex Martin, Arrowsic's two 2018 scholarship recipients

Market Changes and Tips from the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee

The market for recyclables has become quite turbulent. With China pulling out of the worldwide plastic recycling exchange, the result has been skyrocketing prices for their disposal, putting a strain on town and city budgets throughout our country. In order for us to minimize the price increase here, please try to do the following:

- Check the Recycling-Trash Committee tab on the town website for what is being accepted (<http://www.arrowsic.org/recycle.html>). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our committee.
- Make sure the materials you put in your recycling container are free of food waste. If they are not, this contaminates a load, which results in much higher disposal fees and possible rejection of the entire load.



ARSWC chair Katie Smith, addressing Town Meeting attendees, regarding the current market for recycling

- Make every effort to reduce what you put out for either trash or recycling. The less that has to be picked up, the less the town has to pay for that service.

Our recycling processor has recently notified us that coated paper products are currently not accepted in recycling. These are products with plastic, foil, or wax linings, and include paper cups, milk cartons, paper plates, and aseptic packaging, used in containers such as juice boxes. Please reduce your consumption of these materials, but if you do consume products with these containers, please put them in the trash in order to reduce contamination of recyclables.

For more information, please contact Jon Biehler, jonbiehler@me.com, 442-8042.

- submitted by Jon Biehler for the ASWRC

ARROWSIC RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE					
2018 RECYCLING/TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE					
<i>January–May; September–December</i> Biweekly schedule for everything; Friday pickup					
<i>June–August</i> Weekly trash pickup; biweekly recycling; Friday pickup					
JULY	6 ^R	13	20 ^R	27	
AUGUST	3 ^R	10	17 ^R	24	31 ^R
SEPTEMBER		14 ^R		28 ^R	
OCTOBER		12 ^R		26 ^R	
NOVEMBER		9 ^R		23 ^R	
DECEMBER		7 ^R		21 ^R	

^RRecycling, as well as Trash pickup
Questions? Contact: Jon Biehler, jonbiehler@me.com, 442-8042

Annual Roadside Cleanup



L: Recycling Committee members, Jon Biehler, Katie Smith, and John Hinds, recycle as much of the material collected during the Annual Roadside Cleanup as possible. It was a good haul. R: Milly Stafford, Annual Roadside Cleanup coordinator extraordinaire

New Fire Truck Arrives

In May, the Town took delivery of a new factory-modified 2018 Ford F550 cab chassis that will become the replacement for the aged 1988 Ford Minipumper. The Arrowsic Fire Department has now handed the truck over to a fire apparatus fabricator in Island Falls, Maine, who will install the water pump and controls and custom build the tank and storage compartments to meet the Department's specifications. Expected to be completed before the end of this year, the new truck will be the "right-sized" apparatus to meet the wide range of the Town's emergency response needs.



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- submitted by Michael Kreindler for the Fire Department

Events

**SAVE-THE-DATE
ARROWSIC YARD SALE
Saturday, Sept. 8 2018**

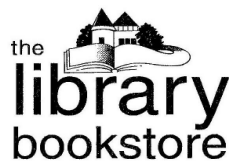
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Arrowsic Town Hall at 340 Arrowsic Rd.
- Items for all ages
- Coffee & donuts
- SORT & SAVE DONATIONS NOW!
- WATCH FOR EARLY DROP OFF DETAILS!
- VOLUNTEER TO SORT, SELL OR HAUL UNSOLD ITEMS!
- CONTACT THE AEC FOR MORE DETAILS: 207-844-4737 / education@arrowsic.org

100% of proceeds go to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund to support graduating high school seniors furthering their education.

SPONSORED BY THE ARROWSIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (AEC)

Citizens for Squirrel Point

Mark your calendars! Citizens for Squirrel Point invites Arrowsic friends and family to BYO picnic **Sunday, August 19th** from noon to 2 pm on the grounds of Squirrel Point Light. Music and activities provided. Visit squirrelpoint.org in the coming weeks for more details and all the latest news from Squirrel Point Light



Did you know that *the library bookstore* has DVDs, CDs and puzzles as well as books? Open 10-4pm, Mon.-Sat. 194 Front St. Bath



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

3-5PM

Arrowsic Fire Station

If you would like to volunteer or take part in any way, please contact the Arrowsic Education Committee: education@arrowsic.org

Arts

Here I am....

Living alone on a quiet forest road,
in a quiet island village with no
town center and
only two paved roads.

I like the quiet.
I like the people.
I like the emptiness of it all.
I like the closeness of it all.

I like the privacy,
I like the silence,
I like smells,
of the forest

At some point I figure
I'll just stand up
take a step and
fall over dead.

Down I'll go,
my switch turned off,
flatlined before I
bounce off the deck.

I've no complaints,
I've had a good life,
I've loved and lost,
I'm ok with it all.

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Home History

Want to know more about the history of your home? Would you like a historic plaque on your house giving the date of construction and the original owner?

Sagadahoc Preservation Inc. would like to let Arrowsic residents know that for \$100 they will do the research on your house. Further they will present you with a deed search back to the original owner and a historic plaque to place on your house. It is not national historic designation so you can make changes to your property.

For further information contact Stanley Lane (stanleylane853@gmail.com).

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