

# Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee

01/11/2023 Meeting notes

**Attendees**<sup>1</sup>: Karin Stadtler, Aleisha Khan, Jessi Nankin McMahon, Pam Wischkaemper, Jack Carr, Dan Cassidy, Mona Schlein, Jennifer Geiger, Thomas Spear, Barbara Fetter, Jenna Howard, Jody Jones

**Cannot attend wants to volunteer**: Margaret Coughlin,

## **Notes**

1. Welcome and round-robin (share interest & availability)
  - Karin Stadtler: Lives on Whitmore's landing, moved her from Germany, retired small animal vet., Feels challenges of living on a remote island. Concerned and wants to be involved. Easier to deal with the emotions surrounding climate change impacts if involved in helping;
  - Aleisha Khan: Have a house on Whitmore's Landing, split in time in MD/Maine, works on Energy & climate Change for 25 years in US & internationally. Excited to work in her community. Can help with tools & links & shortcuts,
  - Jessi Nankin McMahon: moved to 2017 with dogs, chickens and son, content producer for PBS kids, helps create youth environmental stewards,
  - Jenna Howard: Live on Newtown Road, 6-month resident, on Cons. Commission, Impressed & fall in love with community, public policy & ways to make things happen & be sustainable,
  - Pam Wischkaemper: On Old Stage Road for the last 4 years. Pubic relations, writer, concise writer and able to get info across in a compelling way. Interested in the Bowdoin student.
  - Jack Carr: Lived here for 6 years but long-time Maine resident, licensed civil engineer in several states, on property committee in Arrowsic & interested in our future in Arrowsic,
  - Dan Cassidy: New resident. Wants to learn. Summered on Squirrel Island. Lives on Whimore's Landing. Was on Cons. Commission in NH. Geologist. Arrived just in time for the big floods.
  - Mona Schlein: Long time resident on Whitmore's Landing. Want to preserve our Island for future generations. Seen a lot of changes & want to help with educational materials. Not available for the next 3 months but will be after that.
  - Jennifer Geiger: Live on 127 on Sewall Pond. Long-time resident, loves Arrowsic. Chair of the Arrowsic Planning Board, interested in intersection & interested in any intersection with planning board work and this committee. Have 6 grandchildren & want to get involved so can make a difference. Interested in how we can help individuals make a difference.
  - Thomas Spear: Came 10 years ago, wife was town Administrator, Involved in Arrow, Retired history prof, grant writing, pr etc. Christmas storm was a big concern.
  - Barbara Futter:: retired lawyer, can join on Mondays & Fridays but also on zoom and will be in Maine for the month of July. Owns property on Old Stage and own lighthouse & on foundation.

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<sup>1</sup> Already appointed committee members in **BOLD**

- Jody Jones: Retired from the conservation field. Lived on Old Stage Road for years and now lives on Spinney Mill. Estimate monthly meetings with committee members doing homework in between.
2. Nominations for committee chair: Jody Jones & Aleisha Kahn to co-chair committee.
  3. Ground Rules discussion agreed to
  4. Identifying roles for committee members
    - helping with educational brochure & overseeing Bowdoin college student: Pam, Margaret
    - developing regional projects: Jennifer, Dan Cassidy
    - researching and developing future grant opportunities: Barbara, & Jenna
    - organizing community workshops Karin, Jenna, Jesse, Barbara, Margaret
    - publicizing our work, Tom, Karin, Jesse
    - editing sections of the *Action Plan*: ALL members with Jennifer, Tom
    - helping with quarterly progress reports: Dan (e.g. tracking grant expenses and progress) Margaret & Dan
  5. Plan next meeting agenda - topics below based on grant proposal. (10 minutes)
    - Develop and agree on Mission Statement
    - Determine protocols for decision-making
    - Review timeline and set dates as needed
  6. **Action Items (Jody & Aleisha)**
    - finalize & send out meeting notes
    - Figureout best way to post video of our meeting
    - Reach out to Jack Carr about what roles he's most interested in (since his internet was not working)
    - Send out partnership newsletter link
    - Send list of participants to Arrowsic Conservation Commission so each participant can be "formally" added to our group.
    - Send info on Bowdoin student to Pam
    - Work with Judy Colby-George to set next meeting date
  7. **Action Items Committee members**
    - Committee members should get in touch with each other before our next group meeting to plan out their next steps and identify any challenges and/or questions they would like to discuss with the broader group.
    - Committee members should sign up for webinars of interest to them through the [Community Partnership Program](#) and sign up for their newsletter by emailing [Gabe McPhail](#)
  8. Adjourn at 6:18pm