

Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee
Wednesday – May 17. 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Draft Meeting Notes

Participants: Jesse, Mona Schlein, Dan Cassidy, Karin Sadtler, Aleisha Khan, Jody Jones, Tom Spear, Jack Carr, Jennifer Geiger, Judy Colby-George and Madeline Tripp (Viewshed)

1. Meeting convened at 6:05pm. Jody welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. April 26 meeting minutes
 - a. Aleisha made a few corrections in the Google document that will be incorporated.
 - b. Minutes were approved.
3. Discussions
 - a. Groundwater modeling study update (Karin)
 - i. Recommendation from the Groundwater Working Group is to delay a full well study this year, but ask residents to contribute information about their wells in the meantime (e.g., wellhead coordinates, for example by taking pictures, depth, flow, etc.)
 1. This smaller study could identify gaps or needs in the data.
 2. Chebeague and Westport Islands are currently conducting more detailed studies that Arrowsic could learn from before conducting their own, since there is no urgency for a study this year or next.
 - ii. Anin (student) will start the study soon and will hopefully have preliminary results to share at the July meeting.
 1. Karin will send dwelling data to Melissa and Anin to help with the study.
 - b. Town Meeting
 - i. The group discussed the presence the ACRC should have at the upcoming Town Meeting (on the evening of June 17th).
 - ii. Jody volunteered to speak briefly about the ACRC and introduce the committee members (and potentially Camille)
 - iii. Mona and Jesse volunteered to put together a brief flyer. Could include:
 1. Information on what the ACRC is doing and contact info
 2. Upcoming events/input opportunities
 3. Brief update on the well survey and QR code
 4. Dan volunteered to write an update on road flooding
 - c. Action Plan Review

- i. The group discussed general thoughts and questions about the Introduction Chapter and Vulnerability Study. There were suggestions to incorporate more visual elements and connect the data to more real-world examples.
 - ii. Review schedule:
 - ACRC members should send in comments by May 26th.
 - Jody and Aleisha will consolidate them and send to Viewshed by June 2nd.
 - Viewshed will complete edits by June 9th.
- d. Proposed Schedule for Summer/Fall:
- i. Jody discussed the proposed timeline and will communicate with the group offline to confirm the dates.
 - Draft Plan Based on Assessment delivered to committee on June 28th.
 - ACRC and Arrowsic Conservation Commission review and send comments by July 10th.
 - Judy, Jody & Aleisha incorporate ACRC comments by July 14th and distribute.
 - Committee meets on July 19th to review.
 - Revisions completed August 9th.
 - Set up meetings with municipal committees to review draft in August/September.
 - Public Meeting - Sept 26

4. Sub-committee Report-outs

- a. Communications – Jennifer, Jesse, Mona, & Karin
 - i. Jesse updated the group on the subcommittee's plan to contribute to the Town's weekly Town Announcements email. This could include a fun fact, quick tips, asking the public a question, and other brief things to keep people engaged.
 - ii. It was suggested that the group put together a calendar of ideas for each week, while also keeping flexibility to incorporate things that pop up. The subcommittee will meet in June to draft the communications calendar/plan.
 - iii. The group decided that special/individual emails could be saved for big announcements, like the public meeting.

- b. Education
 - i. Aleisha updated the group on the new student intern, Camille, and the plan for the workbook. Pam and Aleisha will meet to create a more detailed plan, since Camille starts on June 1st.
 - ii. She thanked everyone for contributing ideas to the spreadsheet and requested that the group take photos to fill out the handbook. Photos will make the handbook personal and accessible! When the format and specific topics are decided, she will reach back out with a more specific ask.
- c. Grant Opportunities
 - i. Jody reminded the group that the Community Action Grant application is opening again in July. The group should think about any specific projects that could be pursued, especially related to the actions from the community workshop.
 - ii. Dan raised concern over the cash match required by most transportation-related grants like Maine DOT's Planning Partnership Initiative (PPI) or Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) require significant cash match by towns. The Properties Committee has parallel efforts going on related to Energy Efficiency Maine funding that Jody and Dan will discuss offline. If coordinating, the two groups should clarify who would write and coordinate the grant.

5. Summer Meeting Dates

The group confirmed that the following dates work for summer meetings.

- a. June 28
 - b. July 19
 - c. August 23
- ## 6. New Business
- a. Jennifer discussed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and the proposed recommendation by the planning board that will be voted on at the Town Meeting. This recommendation would set up a process to review ADUs and guidelines for development. There will also be a public meeting on this topic on May 31st.
- ## 7. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.