

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 19, 2022

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Paul Schlein, Jody Jones, Jenna Howard, Karin Sadtler  
Present by Phone: Karen Robbins, Priscilla Tucker

1. The meeting, held at the Town Hall with masks, was called to order at 5:03 PM.
2. The minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting were shared by email and will be formally accepted at August's meeting.
3. Community Resilience Partnership: Our goal is to convene a broad group of community members to discuss possible pathways to climate resilience and reduction of carbon emissions, plus identify the community's biggest worries and prioritize plans to address them. This will take place August 16.
  - a. Evaluations: The committee reported on the outreach to town departments regarding climate change related impacts in preparation for a town-wide workshop the committee plans to hold in August. We have completed self-evaluations from the selectboard, planning board, recycling and solid waste committee, properties, and fire department. Clarke will follow up with the roads committee who provided a short response. The ACC approves their self-evaluation unanimously. All responses will be added to our [folder: Feedback from Town Officials, Committees, etc.](#)
  - b. Resolution: The resolutions Karen wrote are approved by all. They'll be presented to the selectboard at the end of summer for approval and adoption.
  - c. Outreach: Arrow article and graphic, Community Calendar, an email to our town list email will be sent two weeks in advance with another reminder being sent the week-of, and 100-130 flyers will be distributed by ACC members in our neighborhoods 2 weeks ahead of event. Phone calls will be made to the chairs of all committees and organized groups. Confirmed: Jennifer Geiger, Malcolm, Christine. Karen will reach out to Camille and her kids. Jenna will reach out to Hart girls and selectboard members. It is noted that our committee wishes to deliver invitations to people without internet service but do not know if we have access to the estimated seven households.
  - d. Agenda: The committee finalized options for conducting the workshop, a charrette-style meeting with Victoria facilitating and breakout sessions. We would like Victoria to speak for five minutes about our role within the statewide project, what we hope to accomplish, and outline why we wanted community participation. (5 minutes.) We would like Jesse to outline the agenda and the questions we'll be brainstorming together. (Under 5 minutes.) Two breakout groups will form to collect and discuss priorities. Members of ACC will take notes during the breakouts.
  - e. Other Details: Breakout facilitators will be Don and Victoria, Welcome Table & Sign In Sheet may be staffed by Jody, Refreshments will be provided by ACC members
  - f. Flyer: Paul will create [1-2 alternative mock ups](#) that provide more information and possibly include an article and/or questions. Bath Printing will print the flyers and

ACC members will each distribute 10-15 copies to their neighbors in the first week of August.

4. Mail: We have a bill for \$85, likely for May water sampling. Phine is checking.
5. Sewall Pond Conservation Area: The committee discussed litter patrol and the question of whether to close Sewall Pond to non-residents. The committee referred to a management plan created two years ago. Any new problems were not identified. Phine mentioned adding 'No Parking This Side' signs seem to be effective. Members volunteered for August clean-up and monitoring.
6. Water Quality: Karen and Phine volunteered to test water August 2, when they will also take a plant inventory, and August 16. Phine reported on chlorophyll and phosphorus levels at the pond.
7. Stewardship Guide: Paul discussed expanding access to the Arrowsic Stewardship Guide to other coastal communities. Damariscotta had plans to launch one when their land trusts merged. What is now the Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust may be the next community to use it. Paul will facilitate that relationship and consider expanding to other coastal towns.
8. Nature Notes: Priscilla reported the first skunk sighting in years. Clarke reports his recent houseguests were delighted by goldfinch, deer and many seals. Paul updated us on the identification of the "mystery" bird song that has become the dominant call in his woods; it is a winter wren that may have taken up residence in or near a wood pile. He reports pileated woodpeckers have not been present in his woods. He has seen scarlet tanagers, hermit thrush, and notes fewer mice than usual for summertime. Jenna reports a baby porcupine sighting near Bald Head trail. Phine and Clarke corroborate the first cicada was heard on July 14th.
9. The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.
10. The next meeting will be August 16, 2022 at 5PM at the Arrowsic Fire Barn. That meeting will double as the Town Workshop where carbon reduction and climate resiliency priorities will be set.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenna Howard, for Karen Robbins (Acting Secretary)