

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 18, 2023

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Priscilla Tucker, Clarke Cooper, Carla Weeks, Jesse Nankin McMahon, Jenna Howard

The meeting, held in person at Town Hall, was called to order by Phine at 5:34 PM.

Minutes: Approved by the Commission.

Mail: Invoice #10155981 was received for water quality testing, chlorophyll A and phosphorus. The Dept of Marine Resources sent us laminated copies of sea-run fish and new Striper regulations. We will post those online.

Schedule, Water Quality and Litter Patrol: Karen and Phine are testing on the 26th, Karen and Priscilla will test on August 8, Phine on the 22nd. The upcoming clean-up schedule will be: Clarke July 22nd, Jenna July 29th, Priscilla August 5th, Carla August 12th.

CCC: We will poll folks about offering to meet as a group a gathering around 5:30-6pm on August 15, 16 or 21, 22, 24 or September 6, 7, 11 with grazing food.

SPCA Signs: Carla will create a permanent sign for the SPCA with a “carry in, carry out” message. We have a temporary sign made by Karen up now. “No parking this side” “No parking dusk to dawn” are the other signs we need.

Picture Posts: Clarke will plan for fixing some downed picture posts.

Resilience Committee Report: We have been reviewing the Climate Action Plan Draft before sharing with wider community group, the committee chairs will review next. Tomorrow is the next public meeting and there will be a workshop to present the Climate Action Plan in the fall. ACC Members are reviewing. Phine asks how microgrid conversations may be part of the plan.

Water Access: We had a brief conversation about next steps around community water access at Indian Rest Road. Water access is a longtime shared Arrowsic goal.

Nature Notes: Carla notes the wildfire smoke in the air. Phine has a nature note from Bruce Zuwalick he hasn't seen any goslings. Clarke reports having seen four, then two, then none. Tons of geese, but no noticeable young. Jesse heard an eruption of barred owl, bullfrog, and grey seals after fireworks a few weeks ago. Baby porcupines were spotted near the head of Bald Head Rd. Priscilla walked out her door this morning to goldfinches singing. Phine reports lots of flowers on blackberries and blueberries bushes being good. Everything is giant because of the rain. Clarke reports a mystery plant that grew to 7 feet high near him that looks like Queen Ann's Lace.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.