

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 15, 2023

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

The meeting, held in person at Town Hall, was called to order by Phine at 5:30 PM.

**Minutes:** July 18, 2023 were approved by the Commission.

**Mail:** We received two invoices for water quality testing, and we have the results for June and July: June chlorophyl A .005 mg/L and phosphorus 16ppb, July chlorophyl A .021 mg/L and phosphorus 23.ppb. Today the Secchi depth was 1.33m. The Commission approved Invoice 10155921 coming from 22/23 budget 10158195 coming from 2023-24 budget.

**Schedule, Water Quality and Litter Patrol:** For water quality testing, Phine and Karen will test on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Clarke and Karen on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, Karen and Carla can do the 19<sup>th</sup>. For litter patrol, Priscilla will check on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Clarke on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jenna on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SPCA Signs:** Carla has mocked up permanent sign designs for the SPCA with a “carry in, carry out” message. Phine suggests a phrase like “Do you have both socks?” as we note pieces of clothing left behind. “Leave no trace” is suggested. We looked at Carla’s designs. “No parking this side” “No parking dusk to dawn.” Will be paid for from the Road Commission budget. Karen is checking for MDO. Carla will treat the edges.

**Picture Posts:** Clarke fixed the picture posts! Some have an N for the north side.

**CCC Meeting:** Regional Consortium Meeting: we will meet as a group, gathering at 7pm on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Arrowsic Town Hall. Phine will invite Jody or another liaison from the Resilience Committee

**Climate Action Plan:** Per the ACRC, the ACC reviewed the draft of the handbook and climate action plan. A robust conversation ensued. The Climate Action Plan is for the town, the Handbook is for an individual. The ACC is concerned there are not many actionable implementation strategies identified. We’d like them to be action specific. Phine will reach out to Jody with the Commission’s thoughts.

**Water Access:** Purchase and sale agreement has been signed with a target of November 8. We are working with various professionals to develop a funding path, site plan, and management plan.

**Nature Notes:** Many have seen small frogs, species unknown. Clarke reported not seeing

as much hawkweed. Many seconded. Priscilla says they are all at her house. Phine is seeing good new growth on new hemlock saplings among dead hemlocks that succumbed to Hemlock wooly adelgid. Priscilla has seen monarch caterpillars and milkweed tiger moth caterpillars on her marsh milkweed. Jenna reports many porpoises in Sheepscot Bay. Priscilla saw an injured harbor seal at Reid that looked to have a propeller or rudder strike.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20. Next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.