

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 15, 2019

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Paul Schlein, Clarke Cooper, Susan Fenn, Jesse McMahon, Karen Dowell, Karen Robbins, Bob Ater

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04PM.
2. The minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Phine reported that on the last water quality trip there was a significant amount of algae in the water column and the Secchi measurement was only 1.7; the lowest all season. Karen also reported that filtering the chlorophyll samples took almost an hour for each sample.
4. Morse High School students are looking for service projects to do for the Grade Nine Community Service Day October 23rd. Phine will let them know that they can spread wood chips on the Sewall Pond Conservation Area path.
5. Susan and approximately 30 other people attended the Zero-Waste program. She found it informative and the Power Point presentation is now up on the Arrowsic.org web site.
6. Clarke attended the TNC invasive workshop held at Bald Head and Squirrel Point. They were focusing on barberry primarily using the clip and dip method. They are planning to have another work session in the spring. Harpswell has a strong citizen outreach program that informs residents about invasive species. Susan will reach out to them to learn more about it.
7. Water Access: Bob Ater lead a discussion helping the Commission to identify the characteristics important to the Town such as: access throughout the tidal cycle, easy safe parking, easy to monitor and maintain. We then brain stormed possible locations in town. Bob will speak to the land owner at the south end of town. Phine will talk to Jack Witham about ways to approach various landowners and the Commission will make a site visit to the Spinney Mill Rd culverts to get a better understanding of that site.
8. Solar appliances and property taxation was discussed. Phine will talk to Karin Sadtler about an article in the Arrow.
9. November Field Trip: Mark has given permission to walk over his property and may join us. Phine will notify the public that it is November 10th at 9:30 AM and we will meet at the Town Hall. Karen is still waiting for a response about the parking and Paul has offered to depart from his property as a backup plan.
10. Nature's Notes: Clarke has noticed smaller and fewer lady bugs this fall. Noreen has seen, as have others, Artic colored butterflies. Susan had a four-inch praying mantis on her oak tree as well as more milk snakes. Phine saw a couple of slug caterpillars and ticks are back everywhere.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36PM.
12. The next meeting will be December 17, 2019 at 5 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary

