

## **ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

October 17, 2023

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

The meeting, held in person at Town Hall, was called to order by Phine at 5:39 PM.

**Minutes:** Approved by the Commission.

**Mail:** We received a letter of intent from Sarah and Dennis. We received an invoice for water quality testing, and we have the results dated 10/11 for September.

**Water Quality:** August results for chlorophyll A was .031 mG/L and phosphorus at 27mG/L.

**Water Access:** *See the Attached Summary of Salt Water Access Subcommittee Activities.* Karen makes a motion for a waterfront subcommittee and Jesse seconds. All in favor. Clark would be our representative on this committee.

**NOAA Grant:** Ruth Indrick discussed how roads that impact Kennebec Estuary in Arrowsic, Phippsburg and Westport Island would ask for 1.2 million for road raising and the grant is due November 15<sup>th</sup>. Backing of various groups is needed. We support a grant for Rt 127 rising. Karen makes a motion to get more information to be shared amongst us. We will write a letter of support if this information aligns with our understanding and mission, we will affirm this positive vote.

**November Field Trip:** Ruth would walk us on a marsh crawl at one or two marshes—either off Flying Point Road or at one or more locations that would be positively impacted if we get a NOAA grant. Clark just put in multiple week gauges at both ends of culvert at Spinney Mill, Indian Rest, and a single one at the stream of interest of Karen coming out of Seawall Pond. Proposed this on November 12 at 9:30am. Mr. Davis will be asked by Phine. We will invite other commissions. Slade and Claire could be asked to lead us if Ruth can not join us.

**Climate Action Plan:** The committee noted the mock-up looked good. Viewshed is working on a updated draft plan and soliciting comments. Clarke and Jesse and Jenna think it is on a better track. Priscilla thought Action Plan #9 Natural Resources—citizen science is mentioned. iNaturalist and a brief comment to track and contribute to climate change. Something about drying clothes outside should be mentioned. This handbook will be available on our website as a resource.

**SPCA:** Trash seemed lite this summer. We appreciate all the people who clean up when they visit!

**Nature Notes:** Clarke reports many beggarticks this year and keeps picking seeds off him. Jesse reports tons of little birds feeding low to the ground including a Junco today. Priscilla has seen chickadees and nuthatches at her feeder but lately piliated woodpecker is coming every day and announcing himself before landing. She also noticed a broadtail hawk in the neighborhood. Jenna notes increased acorns falling—Karen adds double the amount from last year. Phine agrees with this report as she has outbuildings with metal roofs.

**Other:** A resident wonders if we could make the water access location a conserved place. We also asked how town elders should be memorialized: Blakeoik family memorial

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Meeting adjourned at 7:04. Next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> as necessary.