

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
September 19, 2023

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Carla Weeks, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.
2. The minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Mail: Mailer regarding Efficiency Maine incentives for small municipalities was received. Phine will pass it on to the Properties Committee by way of Jack Carr. Two confusing invoices were received from HETL. After reviewing them, questions still remain. Phine will ask HETL for clarification.
4. Water Quality: Carla reported that today's Secchi depth was 2.65m, up significantly from earlier this summer. Schedule: October 3rd Phine and Karen, 17<sup>th</sup> Phine and Karen. Phine reported Lakes Stewards of Maine has a test protocol for cyanotoxins that we can use in the future as needed.
5. Climate Resilience: The town wide priority setting workshop will be on September 26<sup>h</sup> at the Arrowsic Fire House from 6 – 8PM. Sam Saltonsall has reached out to the ACC. He has created a Maine specific summary of Federal tax credits, Efficiency Maine incentives and other Maine applicable incentive programs that households can use to make their homes more energy efficient. He would like the ACC to host his presentation as a way for Arrowsic families to reduce their energy costs and carbon foot print. Phine will invite him to speak at our January 16, 2024 meeting.
6. SPCA: Karen has some MDO. Carla will make the signs this winter for spring installation. If materials allow, she will also make the "Closed Dusk to Dawn" sign. A lost and found board will be tried next season as a way to remind SPCA users to Leave No Trace and to organize forgotten items.
7. Salt Water Access: A special Town Meeting regarding the Packard property has been tentatively set for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Fire Station. We are in the final stages of the price negotiation. Conversations with the abutters regarding a quit-claim deed have been initiated. Community outreach will include personal conversation with abutters, two site walks with the public the weekends of October 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be scheduled and an informational meeting 6PM Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall are planned. There will also be a summary article written for the Arrowsic News. How to allow residents to donate funds to the project was discussed.
8. Nature Notes: Jesse is tired of the rain and is seeing fall migrant humming birds. Clarke reported his summer humming birds are gone. Carla reported swimming with a snapping turtle in Sewall Pond on the east side. Clarke reported seeing a young healthy coyote on the north causeway in the middle of the morning. Carla followed a young fox walking on the centerline across the Max Wilder bridge.
9. The meeting adjourned at 6:52PM. The next meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary

