

Arrowsic Conservation Commission
Monday, June 20, 2011

Present: Phine Ewing, Ralph Pope, Noreen Blaiklock, Nancy Sferra, Karen Robbins

Asplundh has been cutting along Bald Head Road and has probably spread HWA; the branches that were infested were cut.

The Conservation Commission has decided that we do not want to be commenting on legislation and we will leave it up to individual committee members to respond. We will continue to follow the legislative happenings in Augusta.

The alewife trap got pulled on June 3. We ended up with 5,092 fish for the season over double our highest other year. The trap is pulled when the temperature is too high, the fish want to get out of the pond, and volunteer energy is flagging. We got several turtles and four other species of fish including white sucker, sunfish, black crappie. One morning there was a mink in the culvert chasing fish. Beach seining will begin when the time is right and Theo Willis may give us a purse seine to pull between two canoes. Seining will begin toward the end of July once per week until the water is too cold for the volunteers.

Ralph and Karen will do water testing on June 21. Noreen and Karen will do July 5 or 6. Noreen and Karen will do July 19. Phine and Karen will do August 2.

Nancy will do pond cleanup the weekend on June 23, Ralph will do July 4 and July 10 weekend, Phine will do July 17.

Dogs at Sewall Pond - Jeremy has asked us to put up a sign saying that dogs need to be on a leash. Nancy will route a sign and Karen will paint it.

Ordinances - Phine printed parts of the zoning ordinance and there is little reference to native plants in the ordinance. We can reference the Holt Forest list as a starting point - we can check it online. We should send the invasive species list to the Planning Board with a reminder that they requested that the CC put this list together for the ordinance. We will also tell them that we are willing to draft language. We should also request that native and invasive be added to the definitions. Phine will draft the letter and send it to us for review.

Karen brought up the issue of stipends because of the discussion at town meeting. The CC has agreed not to take the stipend but Karen was wondering if we want to at least keep it in as a line item. In the future, the CC members may want to take advantage of the stipend. Phine will talk to Sukey about the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sferra

