

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
February 18, 2020

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Susan Fenn, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM.
2. The minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting were accepted written.
3. Mail: Information about the Fisherman's Forum was received.
4. Picture Post Project: The *Arrow* article was reviewed. Clarke will submit it after adding a 'request for citizen scientists' sentence. There was no update on the Rte. 127 State License. He is also researching larger projects, similar to the King Tide Project to aggregate Arrowsic's data with.
5. Alewife Restoration Project: The Commission approved the draft ordinance which will be given to the Select Board for inclusion on this year's Annual Warrant. Phine spoke to Charlie about filming the spring run to determine if that could be a less volunteer intensive way to monitor the spring in-migration. Charlie declined and suggested we talk to those more experienced with fish monitoring.
6. Holt Forest has asked that the Conservation Commission host a public talk that Jack is giving about Holt Forest activities. The Commission responded in the affirmative and looks forward to hearing it on April 9th at 7PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall. Jack will write a brief public announcement for the next *Arrow*.
7. After the Resilience Workshop there was some wondering by members if there would be better communication among town committees if there were overlapping memberships on various committees. This "long-range" thinking lead to revisiting the on-going discussion about the 31-year-old Comprehensive Plan. The Commission decided to officially approach the Select Board asking that a new Comprehensive Plan Committee be convened with the goal of updating the plan.
8. Phine will draft the Commission's report for the Town's Annual Report. We will request an annual budget of \$400.00 for 2020/21.
9. Nature's Notes: Noreen is seeing a huge raft of turkeys frolicking in their fields. Many members have noticed the dearth of deer in comparison to recent winters. Phine has also missed seeing pine siskins and red poles. Susan's coyotes have not been as vocal as last month.
10. The meeting adjourned at 6:19PM
11. The next meeting will be March 17, 2020 at 5 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary