

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 15, 2022

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Jesse McMahon, Priscilla Tucker, Karen Robbins, Michelle Gaillard

1. The virtual meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM.
2. The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were unanimously accepted as amended.
3. Mail: As of this morning there was no mail.
4. Annual Report and Budget: The annual report and budget request are due April 1st. Phine will review the past year's minutes and draft the report. Not anticipating any special large expenditures, it was decided to request \$400 again for 2022-2023.
5. Roadside Clean-up: Phine and Clarke both contacted Katie Smith chair of the Recycling Committee to discuss details and dates. Roadside clean-up will be the 30rd of April with the rain date the following Saturday. Phine will draft a notice to go out in the weekly Town Notices.
6. Picture Posts: Clarke reports there aren't any high tides of significance in day light hours this spring. They will continue to monitor storm events. Phine also noted, the east post on Indian Rest Rd. needs repair and repositioning.
7. Alewives: The 2021 scale sample analysis is back from DMR. There were 39 samples from the COVID modified monitoring. Fifty six percent were repeat spawners with a normal distribution among the age classes. DMR likes to see 20% repeat spawners. The Sewall Pond run has historically exceeded this minimum requirement. There are 10 new volunteer monitors this season.
8. Salt Water Access: The Range Light Keepers property is still not listed on the GSA web site. Phine reached out to Paul's GSA contact and the auto-reply stated the project manager would be out "until spring". Phine is still trying to reach the person that would have any current information about the property.
9. Climate Resilience Project: Phine spoke with Paul Perkins, Chair of Bath's Climate Action Commission. Bath's current priorities are: EV chargers in public parking lots, adaptable structures and building efficiency, conducting a vulnerabilities assessment and education/outreach/engagement. The Commission sees overlaps and benefits to working regionally with Bath and others.
10. Sewall Pond CAMP: The spring trail maintenance day will be scheduled at the next meeting. Phine has been revitalizing the revegetation markers.
11. Other: Priscilla continues to research citizen scientist naturalist web sites and expects to have something to share at the next meeting. Phine is "tracking down" the Town's e-business account number required to participate with MMA's webinars. Lake Stewards of Maine will be conducting in-person training and recertifications this year.
12. Nature Notes: Noreen reports her snow drops were in bloom yesterday. She had a flock of "Newfoundland robins". She believes they over-wintered here and will be migrating north soon. Northern robins while not black, have a darker head that merges into a darker black back. Many members have seen many species of wood

peckers- hairy, downy, red-belly and pileated woodpeckers as well as yellow-bellied



sap suckers. Phine saw red-winged black birds on February 28th and heard a killdeer at Mill Pond.

13. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:45 PM.
14. Meetings will be conducted virtually until physical distancing recommendations are lifted. The next meeting will be April 19, 2022 at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary