

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
March 16, 2021

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

1. The virtual meeting was called to order at 5:03PM
2. Mail: The copy of "ARC User" that we have received will be shared among members.
3. The minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting were unanimously accepted as amended.
4. Annual Report and Budget: Phine has again generously offered to draft the annual report. She will distribute it for review before submitting it. It was decided to ask for \$500.00 in the 21/22 budget as the Picture Post Project will be adding a couple of posts and maintaining others as well as adding tide gauges to a couple of the locations.
5. Roadside Clean -up: The ACC would like to have people do sections of road during the time period April 24th -May 6th and to sign up electronically with Phine. She will offer to provide disposable gloves and bags as needed when people sign up. It is hoped that people will put the trash and roadside recycling out with their household's on May 7th. If large items such as tires or furniture are picked up, they will leave them at a central drop off location, probably the Town Hall. Phine will draft the public announcement and pass it by the ACC and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (ARSWC) as well. Paul reported that the ARSWC is meeting this Thursday; roadside clean-up is on the agenda and he doesn't know if other members have any additional ideas.
6. Georgetown Road Corridor Management Meeting: Phine attended as a bike rider and ACC member. Georgetown is working on a plan that shares their roads safely with various transportation modalities. They are considering widening shoulders, increased signage and bike lanes.
7. Alewives: Monitoring protocols for the coming season were discussed as was the need to maintain fish passage by preventing beaver dams and channel constrictions due to cattails and other emergent vegetation. Susan will check on the beaver dam and Karen will be reaching out to monitors early April.
8. Comprehensive Plan: Jody Jones will be leading the pre-planning process and knows of the ACC interest in participating.
9. SPCAMP: Maine Tree Foundation decided to forgo the Project Canopy grant opportunity. Since the ACC doesn't have any enforcing authority, the parking ordinance will be set a side and no action taken at this time. Clarke and Karen will cut up the large pine

on and adjacent to the SPCA trail and then in early May the Commission will do its annual trail maintenance.

10. Picture Post Project: There has been good response by monitors during the recent flooding events. Several of the posts need to be repaired or relocated and there will be two additional posts added. A tide gage will be added at a couple of locations in order to quantify the changes in sea-level elevation during storm, king and daily tides.
11. Water Saving Tips: The Commission discussed the best ways to distribute the information. The article will be submitted for the June Arrow and Paul Kalstein will be asked to up load it to the Town's website. Members are reviewing the article to make sure there aren't any embedded broken links.
12. The Planning Board has asked for official town email address for each of its members. There was a discussion as to whether the ACC should do the same.
13. Nature Notes: Clarke had racoons last night; he rarely has them. Noreen and Phine had snowdrops in bloom just before the last freeze. Susan had the first red-winged black bird at her feeder. This morning she found a small (1"-1.5") white oval egg on the ground near her feeder. Apparently mourning doves are early nesters and often "drop" eggs where ever they are and not necessarily in a nest. Paul has a very vocal and active group of tufted titmice in his neighborhood. Paul shared his recording of two packs of coyotes, one pack within 50 feet of his house and the other pack somewhere in the distance. A conversation about coyote communication ensued. Chris Crabtree told Phine about a young-of-the-year deer carcass that he found with lots of coyote tracks around.
14. Other: The position of Secretary was offered to anyone who wants to contribute in that way.
15. The meeting adjourned unanimously at 6:22 PM.
16. The next meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 5 PM. Meetings will be conducted virtually until physical distancing recommendations are lifted.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary