

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 15, 2015

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Paul Schein, Mildred Stafford, Ralph Pope, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Noreen will be taking the Commission on a tour of seaweeds at Reid State Park Friday September 18th. Members will meet at the Town Hall at 8:45AM.
3. The minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.
4. The potential water access on the Duck Camp Rd that Bill Savedoff identified has been sold.
5. The Commission prepared for the September 22 Stewardship Guide workshop. Some of Arrowsic's important town specific topics for the Stewardship Guide were identified: insecticide use, herbicide use, rodenticide use, use of household toxins/poisons, and stewardship of recreational water access. It was also noted that we may want to conduct a Town wide survey of well heads as additional back ground information.
6. Paul will work with Paul Kaulkstein to find a home for "The Cool Little Culvert" video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_rjQPte9fY on the town web site.
7. The Solar Farm in Edgecomb and Solarize Brunswick program were discussed and Phine will follow up with the Solarize Brunswick coordinator to learn more about the program and see if Arrowsic might want to pursue a similar program.
8. Water quality sampling schedule: Karen and Ralph September 22, Karen and Noreen October 6, Karen and Phine October 20.
9. Sewall Pond litter patrol schedule: Ralph September 19/20, Millie September 26/27.
10. Beach seining for juvenile alewives was conducted twice this month. No alewives were caught. It was also noted that fewer pan fish were caught and less *Nitella* spp. and *Fontinella* spp. were present in the net. We will begin monitoring the out-migration of young-of-the-year alewives with the next high tides.
11. Nature's Notes: Humming birds seem to have left the area. Drought has been hard on nectar production locally. The glow in the dark jack-o-lantern mushroom at the Town Hall was enjoyed by everyone.
12. The next meeting will be October 20, 2015 at 5PM.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary