

**Town of Arrowsic**  
**Minutes of Planning Board Meeting**  
**October 4, 2021 at ~ 7:00 PM**  
**Video Conference via Zoom**

Attending: Jennifer Geiger (PB Chair); Matt Caras (PB Secretary); Roger Heard (PB); Vicky Stoneman (PB); Jim Davis (PB); Chris Wilcoxson (CEO); Mike Kreindler (Deputy CEO).

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes of its September 9, 2021 Meeting. Upon motion by Roger Heard, which was seconded by Vicky Stoneman, the Board approved the Minutes of its September 9, 2021 Meeting (all voted in favor).

Comprehensive Plan Update

Michele Gaillard and Jody Jones attended the meeting to review with the Planning Board the current status of the Comprehensive Plan Pre-Planning Committee and to obtain input from the Planning Board on its view of the desirability and feasibility of developing an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Town, as well as the Planning Board's view on the nature of its involvement in the process of developing an updated Comprehensive Plan.

There was discussion about the consequences to the Town of not updating its Comprehensive Plan. There was also discussion about whether an updated Comprehensive Plan would require revision of existing Town ordinances. The Planning Board acknowledged that updating the Comprehensive Plan will require significant time, resources and energy for all involved, including for the Planning Board.

Jody Jones asked if the Planning Board supports continuing with the process of developing an updated Comprehensive Plan. All Planning Board members present responded that they are supportive of the process of developing an updated Comprehensive Plan. Jody and Michele Gaillard also encouraged Planning Board members to consider volunteering for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, or with aspects of the development of an updated Comprehensive Plan, where their knowledge of Arrowsic land use matters would be constructive and helpful.

CEO Update

Chris Wilcoxson provided updates on, among other things, the following:

- Proposed legislation in Maine related to timber harvesting that, if passed, may conflict with Arrowsic's more restrictive ordinance provisions related to timber harvesting (Jack Witham of the Holt Research Forest attended this portion of the meeting)
- Proposed legislation in Maine related to accessory dwelling units that, if passed, may conflict with Arrowsic's more restrictive ordinance provisions related to accessory dwelling units
- Recent legislation in Maine related to tiny homes, the provisions of which may conflict with Arrowsic's ordinance provisions related to structures
- Construction of a new residence on Map 4, Lot 3 across Arrowsic Road from Sewall Pond
- Questions from potential buyers, and issues related thereto, regarding potential short term rentals on a 33 acre lot in Arrowsic that is currently for sale (Planning Board recommended that Chris seek advice from Town counsel on these questions and issues; and Chris noted the developing need to address and regulate short term rentals through the Town's ordinances or otherwise)

Adjourned at about 9:00 PM