

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

April 11, 2023

As Approved on April 25, 2023

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Steve Bonine, Jennifer Geiger, Phine Ewing, Malcolm Persen, Nadine de Vries, Bob Ater

Attended via Zoom: Don Kornrumpf, Denise Parker, Jon Biehler

Call to Order: 6:02pm by Walter

Agenda: Reviewed & approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Will.

Items for approval:

- Minutes of Select Board Meeting on March 28, 2023, approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
- Treasurer's Warrant #19 for \$58,096.72 approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.

Town staff & volunteers:

- Animal Control Officer – Andrew Jones is a possibility. A job description is needed.
- Education Committee Chair – A job description is needed.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – The appointment of Michael Kreindler and Matt Caras was approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee. The ZBA will select a chair.
- Arrowsic Recycling & Solid Waste Committee (ARSWC) – Two new members are needed.

Town meeting:

- Annual town report – The drop dead date for submitting reports is approaching. Bath Printing needs all reports no later than May 1.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf:

- Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) sent all recent broadband awardees the proposed US Treasury guidelines for its Capital Project Fund, the source of MCA grants to Maine awardees. Will and Don reviewed this dense document, and Don submitted comments to the Treasury and to MCA. It appears these guidelines may significantly impact our intended revenue sharing ideas with Axiom as our ISP and possibly our use of Axiom or Hawkeye as construction contractor.
- ABA has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 18, with MCA.
- Nothing new to report with make ready or construction.
- Nick and Vicky Stoneman are helping ABA with "Inclusion" – e.g. education, healthcare, emergency care, and affordability issues as required as part of the grant.

Other business:

- Planning Board proposed ordinance – Jennifer Geiger: An ordinance has been drafted and approved by Attorney Kristin Collins to comply with LD2003 while giving Arrowsic control over Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and short-term rentals. The statutorily required hearing will be held by the Planning Board within the prescribed window of time prior to the town meeting to present the ordinance to residents and answer questions. Discussion ensued regarding commercial use, pre-existing rentals, enforcement, and penalties for non-compliance.
- Swap Barn proposal – Nadine de Vries: The swap barn can be up and running quickly on a trial basis and could also end quickly if not successful. It will be open only when staffed—or by appointment. The proposal to try it for a year was approved on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
- Green Energy proposals – Malcolm Persen:
 - Solar proposal: The solar panels will be mounted on the fire station roof and will power the town hall, fire station, and little barn. The Select Board authorized the Properties Committee to negotiate an agreement with Revision Energy on a motion by Will seconded by DeeDee.
 - Vehicle charging station: The RFI from the State of Maine was discussed. Malcolm will submit the RFI information but doesn't feel that it's a viable option at this time.
 - Heat pumps at town hall and the fire station: The State of Maine has a subsidy program. The deadline to apply is August 31. A contractor will walk through next week. The fire station may not qualify for the subsidy.
 - Top priorities for the Properties Committee in the Town Hall include additional electrical outlets, window update, and revision of the tax collector's cubby. Air conditioning the town hall was requested.
 - A donor wants to contribute to make Arrowsic greener.
- Conservation Commission/Water Access Committee proposal: The property at 31 Indian Rest Road was inspected for its suitability to provide water access for residents. The property, which will be listed for sale within a couple of weeks, is on tidal water with access to Back River during about four hours on either side of high tide, so about two-thirds of the tide cycle, but not during low tide. If the property has not sold by town meeting time, the matter will be brought before the town for a non-binding indication of interest in purchasing this or other hypothetical property.
- On April 4, the consent agreement with respect to Map 5 / Lot 3 was signed by Brian and Jennifer Elwell and the Select Board, and was notarized.

Mail: None

Adjournment: 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator