

## **Arrowsic Board of Selectmen Minutes**

March 23, 2020

The meeting was held electronically. In attendance: Sukey Heard, Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jack White, Sheila Spear, Phine Ewing.

### **Warrant**

On a motion moved by DeeDee Jorgensen, seconded by Walter Briggs, all three Board members voted to approved Warrant #18 for \$6,761.98. The warrant will be signed at Town Hall.

### **Minutes**

On a motion moved by Walter Briggs, seconded by DeeDee Jorgensen all three Board members voted to approve the minutes of March 9 2020.

### **Arrowsic Conservation Commission**

Phine Ewing presented a request from the Conservation Commission that the Select Board begin a discussion about revising the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The State considers a plan more than 12 years old to have expired; and applications for grants are more successful if there is an up-to-date plan. The Town's plan was written 31 years ago, though there were some subsequent revisions. Only a few of the town's population who lived here when the plan was written still live in Arrowsic, so the plan does not represent the will of the current population. The ACC plans to consult those who were involved for advise as to the process.

The Select Board agreed that the plan should be revisited, and to discuss it again at the next Select Board meeting. It might be included in the Town Warrant. Meanwhile it recommended the ACC consult also with Georgetown which has recently developed a new Comprehensive Plan.

### **Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local government**

It was agreed that too much remains unknown at present. The Town Hall will remain closed except to those with keys. But since there have been occasions on which the door has been left open it was suggested that we develop a sign in system for accountability.

### **2020 Town Report due April 1**

The report's editor, Laurie Holland, has said that she can continue to work on the report as scheduled.

### **Volunteer Labor Record**

The Town is required to keeping track of any official use of volunteers during the pandemic. Sheila will keep records of any volunteer activities that occurs as a result of a request to Town Hall.

### **Broadband update**

Sukey will share the PowerPoint slides from the recent webinars conducted by the USDA. We should receive an agreement to be signed by the end of the week. This will need to be reviewed by the Town's lawyer.

### **Use of the donated Bicentennial monies**

Sheila has been in touch with Wabanaki REACH, about their Workshop “Exploring Maine Wabanaki History” and will get back to them later about a date.

A new table was acquired for the Town Hall from a non-profit in Portland, via Craigslist uncovered by Michael Kreindler who drove with Michele Gaillard twice to check it out and then bring it back. Thanks to them both.

### **IT**

Walter has donated a printer which will probably replace both the two that are currently in the back office. Thank You Walter.

Jack will finish installation, then Jon, Barb and Sheila will try it out before the others are removed. There were several suggestions as to what to do with the outgoing printers, including offering it free to town residents; a printing service in the town hall for town residents for a small charge; or advertising on Craigslist as “free for pickup”.

Jack reported that he is still working with Burgess on new passwords for town hall staff.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

### **Planning ahead:**

- Regularize committee appointments
- IT policy review (passwords)
- Inquiry about M5/L1
- Town Report - Walter will make a start on the Select Board statement
- Budget items - after committee and other budget requests received (April 1)
- Staff salaries – the 2018 recommendations have been distributed
- Tax maps- these will be included in 2021 budget