

**Arrowsic Select Board
Minutes
November 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6.04

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Katie Smith, Nadine de Vries, Brett Jensen, Sheila Spear at Town Hall; Phine Ewing, Jerry Pieh, Michele Gaillard, Jennifer Geiger and Jody Jones via zoom.

The agenda was amended to include the Tax Commitment and then approved.

Minutes for October 26, 2021 were approved.

Treasurer's Warrant #9 for \$54,381.92 was approved. There was no ABA warrant.

Recycling Shed renovation – Katie Smith, Nadine de Vries

Katie and Nadine outlined the ARSWC proposal for expansion and relocation of the recycling shed. They are seeking support for apply for a grant with Maine Department of Environmental grant to move the shed to next to the Little Barn, with the addition of two sections to be added on – a middle room for processing and a room to serve as a swap space. The committee is in the early stages of investigating grant options, including checking for possible 'in-kind' requirements. They are coordinating with the Properties Committee and have had discussions with builders concerning the site work.

The Board indicated its full support for the project.

Copies of the proposal and site and building plans are attached.

Comprehensive Pre-plan report – Jody Jones, Jerry Pieh and Michele Gaillard

Board members asked the presenters to explain the importance and value to the town of undertaking a new plan. These include the town's preparedness for climate emergencies, and that our current plan is in some cases in direct opposition to current state guidelines and could incur expensive lawsuits if not brought up to date. Phine mentioned that a town without an up-to-date comprehensive plan is likely to have a harder time enforcing its ordinances should a case end up in court. The forestry shoreline ordinance is one example of an ordinance that might be contested by landowners. Walter pointed out that Arrowsic's forestry ordinance was criticized recently in the state legislature and the legislature may move to over-ride municipal ordinances. There may also be requirements in the current plan that the town's present residents no longer wish to pursue. On the issue of cost and professional assistance, it was suggested that it may not be necessary to carry out the extent of the project suggested by the state.

Further discussion concerned the readiness of volunteers to participate the project and the path to moving forward. It was pointed out that the Select Board will need to provide leadership and that both the Conservation Committee and the Planning Board must be part of the project. Speaking for the Conservation Committee Phine affirmed its full support; Jennifer will consult the Planning Board further.

It was agreed to wait to hear back from the Planning Board, and that Michele meanwhile would gather more precise cost information, and then to search for people to work on the project.

The Board thanked Jody, Jerry and Michele for their phenomenal work and for their very comprehensive and professional report.

A copy of the report is attached.

Solar panels for town hall or fire station.

The Board is in favor of proceeding to investigation the proposed donation. The Properties Committee will meet later this month to discuss it more detail.

Tax Commitment

The Board approved a mil rate of 10.45, a commitment date of November 26, with the due date falling on January 25, 2022.

Dick Elwell memorial proposal

The Board is considering the proposal to establish a scholarship fund for technical education in memory of Dick Elwell and is open to other suggestions.

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- The 2021 Scholarship Fund Yard Sale raised a record amount of money this year, thanks to the dedicated work of Camille Kauffunger and Anita Lichman. The Board acknowledged Anita's resignation with thanks for her service.
- The MidCoast Humane Society contract for 2021-2022 was signed
- Sheila reported that the Maine DOT had requested property-owner information on Route 127 throughout maps 5 and 6, and that surveying is under way for work along that stretch of the highway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.