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TOWN OF ARROWSIC OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen: Pat Harcourt (442-8122) Larry Wilson (443-6970), Greg Guckenburg (442-8020)

Town Clerk: Liz Rollins

Tax Collector: Liz Rollins

Codes Enforcement Officer: David Foster

Regular Town Hall Office Hours:

Wednesday, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Fridays, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

SELECTMEN'S NOTES.....

Selectmen's Meeting 1/11/99

1. Dave Foster reported that the Flinks had taken issue with the number of trees that the consent agreement required them to plant. Pat H. suggested that we have Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc produce an enlarged photo, with the area in question that would show the difference between the clear-cut area and the surrounding area.

2. The town hall has a hot propane hot water heater but the location in the restroom does not meet code standards. Pat H. seek a solution.

3. The selectmen voted to establish a town web page. Larry W. is working out the details with Paul Kalkstein, a summer resident and a provider, Great Works Internet.

4. The selectmen discussed the cleanliness of town hall. They decided to contract with someone to do major cleaning of the restroom, kitchen and floors every two months.

5. Charges for using town hall was discussed. Pat H. is contacting other towns to review their policies for use of town halls.

This may be the **Last Issue of the Arrow** unless people are willing to donate money for printing costs. Please drop off envelopes to the Arrow box at the Town Hall, or send to Bob Kalish, HC 33, Box 156. Thanks

Selectmen's Meeting 1/25/99

Present: Pat Harcourt, Greg Guckenburg

1. Town Property Management Committee - Bob Ater reported on committee discussions

A. Frye Property - Selectmen agreed that property adjacent to Town Hall(5-37) should be looked at for future. Bob agreed he would investigate further,

B. Sand lot(Lot 4-6). Committee suggested selling or divesting Town of lot as it has no conceivable uses.

C. Holt Church Property(Lot 4-46). Rumors that it may be for sale will be investigated by Bob.

2. Fire Department - Brian Scott

asked about Town liability for violation of State of Maine standards for wood stove construction and clearance. Greg will call Maine Municipal Association to ask attorney.

3. Emergency Management - Bill Schumaker reported that the survey will be redone.

Treasurer Patty Olds reported @\$3800.00 in EMA account. Town Hall is set up as Emergency Operating Center with generator for electricity and water available.

4. Codes Enforcement Officer Dave Foster reported continued discussion on Flink property fine and replanting. Dave will recount stumps based on aerial survey saying we originally over-estimated amount of damage. Ten of eleven landowners with grandfathered overboard discharge systems have agreed to take advantage of State of Maine program to help financially to bring them up to code.

Selectmen's Meeting 2/8/99

- The town's computer system will be upgraded to take care of the Y2000 problem.
- Bob Atar, Property Management Committee, recommended that the town look into the possibility of purchasing the Frye property beside town hall.
- Dave Foster reported that a review of current aerial photo's and an actual stump count at the Flink property, showed the number of trees to be cut less than estimated. Dave prepared a revised consent agreement, which was signed by the selectmen, and mailed to the Flinks.
- A check with Maine Municipal Association (MMA) finds that a town can-

not enforce any code that is not supported by an ordinance. MMA suggested that a town not adopt an ordinance unless it is prepared to enforce that ordinance. It was decided that a house fire safety list be prepared and made available to residents.

- The selectmen are preparing a packet for people moving into Arrowsic. It will contain a copy of the zoning ordinance, the above mentioned fire safety list, Committee meeting times, committee chairs and town hall hours. Wilson is heading the effort and will contact others for additional material.

- Fire Chief Scott reviewed a letter from Maine Yankee concerning a siren and a public emergency direct phone line. Maine Yankee would like to give the siren and phone line to the town. An assessment of the benefit to cost ratio makes it difficult to justify spending the money necessary to maintain them.

- MMA requested an inventory, for insurance purposes, of fire department equipment Chief Scott has completed the list.

- Schedule for the annual report: 3/8 notice to committees; 4/12 material from committees; 5/10 ready for printer; 6/1 back from printer.

Town Web Site

Our town has its on web site at www.gwi.net/arrowsic. Larry Wilson is the web site administrator and has posted the trash schedule, selectmen's minutes, clam license notices and a list of elected and appointed officials. Thanks to Paul Kaikstein, summer resident, and Great works Internet there is no cost. The "About Arrowsic" page is under construction and all input is welcomed.

After checking out the site use the "Write to Selectmen" button and tell us what you think plus any suggestions and ideas you have.

Wanted: old photos, paperwork, paraphernalia, and artifacts relating to the old Crosby tidemill on Mill Island in Arrowsic. Please contact Brian and Abby Hennessy, Mill Island, Arrowsic. Tel.# 443-1487

Shellfish Conservation Committee

Think of the Shellfish Conservation Committee as our local clams' lobbying organization, concerned about their image and dedicated to increasing their ranks. We promote clam health and happiness. A healthy clam is a happy clam. A healthy clam is a good clam chowder. A healthy clam is, hopefully, a living wage for our commercial clambers. A healthy clam is a beautiful thang.

Let's face it, Arrowsic is never going to be clam heaven. We are probably a little too far from the salty sea to be prime territory. Clams have to be mentally tough to live here because our brackish water makes tender shells. An Arrowsic clammer must finesse those clams out of the mud for fear that a more direct approach will crush the catch. Additionally, our clam-flats are more or less inaccessible, except by boat. It takes a fair amount of courage and tenacity to be an Arrowsic clammer.

So why do they do it, these hardy souls? Is it for the glory? Is it for the cash? Is it to feel connected to those

Mainers who have gone before us, on this island, harvesting their resources to feed themselves? Is it to find a reason to use that outboard motor that lies forgotten in the garage? Is it to experience that swooky feeling when your back foot is stuck in the mud and won't follow your front? Is it for the Linguini with Clam Sauce? For whatever reason, a clam license is an investment in our town and a reason to explore areas that are not normally open to us. The Shellfish Conservation Committee heartily recommends it.

Recreational clam harvesting licenses are presently available at the Town Hall during normal business hours for the 1999-2000 harvesting season at a cost of \$10 for residents. Five commercial licenses have been allocated for sale and as of Friday, February 26, 3 have been sold. The fees from the sale of the licenses support our conservation effort and pay for the services of our warden, Jon Hentz. The season runs from May 1 to September 30.

See you on the flats!

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kindergarten registration/screening will begin in the spring for any child who will be turning five by Oct. 15 1999:

Georgetown School- March 1 call 371-2160

Woolwich School - to be announced.. call Bev Wallace for details 443-9739

West Bath School - May 4 call 443-9145

Bath Huse School- May call for date 443-8280

Please call a School Committee Member :
Wendy Briggs 443-3285

Nancy Brown Stump 442-7527

Eloise Vitelli 443-4660

We would like to include your child in our new budget and answer any questions you may have.

High School Seniors should be looking for a letter from the School Committee in early April notifying you of the availability of the Arrowsic Town Scholarship.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The filing deadline for the Home Exemption and Veterans Tax Exemption is April 1. Homeowners who qualify for either of these exemptions and who have not applied before can obtain the necessary forms at the Town Hall.

Still a number of residents who haven't licensed their dogs for 1999. Please do so as soon as possible. Bring a current rabies certificate.

RECYCLING NEWS

Mike Kreindler has joined the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. Arrowsic continues to do well with its recycling efforts, but there is still more to be done. Why recycle? Because it is cheaper for the town in the long run. Every ton of trash that doesn't go to the landfill saves each one of us money.

HAVENEWS? WANT TO VENT?

The Arrow is here to serve you. Jot down what you want to say and leave it in the Arrow wire basket in the Town Hall, or mail it to Bob Kalish, HC 33, Box 156.

The Gulf of Maine received its current name in the 1880s. It was called the Sea of Norumbega.

CAR REGISTRATIONS

MARCH

AMES, HAROLD A
 BRAWN, ALLISON L
 BRIDGE, CLARE L
 DAVIS, SHELDON
 DUNN, FLOYD L
 DUNN, FLOYD L
 FOSTER, DAVID R
 FRAHM, SHIRLEY D
 GILES, SAMUEL D
 GUCKENBURG, MARY L
 HIGGINS, RICHARD A
 JORGENSEN, MARK
 KANE, JEAN R
 KING, STANLEY E
 LELIEVRE, BRIAN
 MANN, LAURIE
 MOORE, GEORGE
 MOUNT, PAMELA
 O'CONNOR, JAMIE R
 PACKARD, PHILLIP E
 PINETTE, ALFRED J
 PINETTE, ANTHONY J
 PINETTE, ANTHONY J
 PINETTE, JEFFREY L

ROBBINS, KAREN
 ROOT, MARY
 SCHLEIN, PAUL B
 SHELDON, CATHERINE G
 SHUFELT, ERNEST F
 STINSON, CARL
 STOEBE, JEFFREY A
 STONE, JOHN F JR
 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL
 TOLAN, JAMES J
 WOOD, JOHN
 YEATON, GUY M

APRIL

ARSENAULT, PAULA J
 BASSETT, DEBORAH M
 BERTSCHY, MELANE
 BROWN STUMP, NANCY E
 BUCH, ERIC S
 CAMPBELL, ELIZABETH
 DEMERS, THOMAS W
 DETWILER, BRIAN W
 DOWNS, FREDERICK
 ELWELL, RICHARD
 ELWELL, SUSAN D
 HUENE, ANDREAS V
 JORGENSEN, MARK
 KAHL, THOMAS A JR
 LYDEN, DAVID J
 MACMAHAN, JOSEPH C
 MCLUER, JOHN W
 O'CONNOR, JAMIE R
 OLEARY, ROBERT
 PELLETIER, ROLANDE
 PINKHAM, MICHAEL
 SAFFORD, GEORGE
 SHOVER, EVELYN
 SHOVER, EVELYN R
 SHUFELT, ERNEST F
 SHULTZ, ROBERT E
 STURGEON, ALFRED
 THOMAS, ROBERT B
 WARNER, JOHN W III
 WHITE, JOHN L
 WOOD, JOHN B