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TOWN MEETING THURS, JUNE 29 AT 6 PM

Dear Reader,

The Selectmen delivered copies of the Annual Report/Warrant to the mailboxes of those who get their mail in town. The rest were mailed out Monday. If somehow we missed you, you can pick up a copy at the town hall Tuesday during the tax collector's hours, or Wed, June 28 from 6:30-7:30.

Items of interest that have come up at Selectmen's meetings :

Spring cleanup brought several complaints from residents and T&R, our refuse collector. Folks around town were complaining because a few people put their trash out a week and a half before it was picked up, and even after it was picked up there were tires left alongside the road. T&R complained because there was at least twice as much this year as in past years, and it took them a whole extra Saturday to finish up. We decided to pay T&R for their time, and arrange a regional tire pick-up as soon as we can. We will keep you posted.

Tony Carey and Ray Hutton were in the other day talking about other towns' use of point systems to reimburse volunteer firefighters for some of their time. Volunteers collect points for training, working fires, mutual aid, etc., and at the end of each year are paid according to how many points they have acquired. We talked of proposing something like this system at the next town meeting.

Maine Yankee is giving the town another siren to replace the one sitting presently atop the pole near the fire station. The new sirens are being distributed to all towns in the ten mile safety radius of Maine Yankee. Although their primary purpose is to alert the town of any Maine Yankee emergencies, they can be used by the towns for any other purposes. The main difference in the old and new sirens is the new one's ability to carry sound further - the siren is a few decibels louder, and the sound is aimed differently. Maine Yankee is footing the entire bill, it won't cost us a penny. They estimate a two month delivery time.

The Sheriff department is interested in Arrowsic becoming a Crimewatch community - if there is anyone in town who would like to be a liaison between the town and the Sheriff department in deciding whether to go ahead with the project, please let one of the selectmen know.

There is a parking ban in effect at Sewall Pond at the Old Stage Road and 127 entrances from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. The signs will be posted as soon as we get some time. At the public hearing, it was a popular idea to have no parking on the east side of Old Stage Road. We will have a public hearing to enact that ordinance on July 11 at 7 pm. This will be our first meeting of fiscal year 1989/1990. The first and third Tuesday of each month are our usual meeting times, but the first Tuesday of July is the fourth - so we are taking the day off.

The following auto registrations are due in July:

ATER, DAVID W	MCLUER, PAULINE A
BLAIKLOCK, EDWARD	MORONG, GEORGE A
BRENNAN, WILLIAM R	NELSON, ROBERT
CARTER, KARIN	NICHOLSON, A L
COWLEY, DAVID G	NICHOLSON, AL
DRAKE, SALLY	OLEARY, ROBERT
FRYE, BRADLEY J	ORR, EDWARD M
GOWELL, RANDALL	PINETTE, JILL
HUDSON, W DONALD JR	PROCTOR, NANCY
HUTTON, PATRICIA L	PROCTOR, RONALD
KENNEY, VIVI M	ROOT, DONALD N
KRACHY, ROBERTA	SIMMONS, WILLARD
MANN, LAURIE	SKILLINGS COLEMAN, ELIZABETH
MCCLURE STONEMAN, VICTORIA	SMITH, LESLIE R
MCCLURE STONEMAN, VICTORIA	SOKOL, DAMIAN
MCKEEN, KEVIN A	TYLER, FRED A
MCLEAN, DANIEL W	WILLIAMS, SARAH B

NEXT ARROW WILL BE
PUBLISHED AFTER TOWN
MEETING WITH A BRIEF
SYNOPSIS OF WHAT TRANS-
PIRED. PATTY OLDS, EDITOR.

We don't
inherit the earth
from our ancestors.
We borrow it from
our children.
- Pennsylvania Dutch saying

The Planning Board has proposed several warrant articles amending the Town Zoning Ordinance and adopting a completely revised Subdivision Ordinance, in order to carry out the intent of the new Comprehensive Plan passed at the March 1989 special town meeting. Taken together, these articles will:

- a) establish a new zoning district in which a larger minimum lot size is required,
- b) establish a new standard controlling cluster development,
- c) establish a new subdivision ordinance containing upgraded standards and improved application procedures, and
- d) provide additional protection for the Back River shoreline.

In addition a separate article asks for the adoption of a moratorium on mobile home parks to give the Town time to develop ordinances governing mobile home park siting and design.

These articles are summarized in detail below.

ARTICLE 27 MORE PROTECTION FOR THE BACK RIVER CORRIDOR.

The amendments to the Zoning Ordinance prohibit timber harvesting, land clearing, and permanent docks, piers, wharves, bridges, etc. in the Resource Protection and Shoreland District areas which border the Back River from Mill Island to Bald Head.

ARTICLE 28 ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL RESIDENTIAL 1 (2-acre minimum lot size) and RURAL RESIDENTIAL 2 (5-acre minimum lot size) ZONING DISTRICTS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

Standards in the Rural Residential 1 District (RR1) are essentially unchanged from the present Rural Residential District, except that the 5-acre average lot size for subdivisions will be eliminated. The minimum lot depth will be 150 ft. measured from the Resource Protection District boundary.

The Rural Residential 2 District (RR2) is designed to be a low density zone with a 5-acre minimum lot size. The dimensional requirements and setbacks are proportionally larger and cluster development is mandatory for subdivisions.

ARTICLE 29 CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

A new section (3.17) in the Zoning Ordinance sets up the performance standards for clustered development. Cluster development is intended to promote imaginative, well designed subdivisions which preserve open space, respect the physical qualities of the land, and reduce the overall development costs. Cluster development is mandatory in RR2 subdivisions and is encouraged in RR1 subdivisions by a 20% density bonus. Single and multi family housing are

permitted. The number of dwelling units is based on a net residential density calculation. Actual lot size will be 1-1/4 acres in the RR1 District and 1-2 acres in the RR2 District. The remaining land will be dedicated open space with controls on its use. The section also provides for a 250 ft. setback from rivers and ponds.

ARTICLE 30 SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

A completely rewritten Subdivision Ordinance is proposed. It defines the subdivision application procedure more thoroughly and in more detail than the present ordinance. Notable changes include upgraded standards for roads, drainage and utilities (which must be underground); provision for professional help for the Planning Board paid for by the developer; and the use of net residential density calculations to determine the number of dwelling units/lots.

ARTICLE 31 DEFINITIONS

New or revised definitions are proposed to go with the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance. New definitions include buffer strip, buildable land, common space, and net residential density.

ARTICLE 32 MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTIONS

These include renumbering the sections that follow the new cluster development section; changing references to Section 3.6.4 Dimensional Requirements to reference Table III Dimensional Requirements; updating Section 1.3 to grandfather lots that are less than the new minimum lot size in the RR2 District; protection for upland within 100 ft. of Resource Protection District boundaries; and affordable housing incentives (a 20% density bonus in subdivisions for developers providing 10% of lots or dwelling units at state-defined affordable levels).

ARTICLE 33 MOBILE HOME PARK MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Legislation passed in 1988 requires that mobile homes in parks be allowed on 5000 sq. ft. (1/8 acre) if there is central sewage collection, or 20,000 sq. ft. (1/2 acre) if individual septic systems are installed. The law overrides our Zoning Ordinance provision that mobile home parks be treated as subdivisions.

In the absence of a specific mobile home park zone, a mobile home park can now be located anywhere in town, and we have no performance standards or site location ordinance to help us control this situation.

The moratorium is for 180 days and is renewable. During this time the Planning Board will write a site location ordinance and perhaps other ordinance amendments to provide review criteria and obtain some control over the siting of mobile home parks.

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The Solid Waste/Recycling Committee sent out 185 surveys. 40 were returned (Thank you all very much) 14 said they would save their construction debris for a semi-annual pickup 25 are currently composting yard wastes, 19 are composting food wastes 5 people would like to get rid of their leaves, 7 would like more leaves (if you send us your names, we'll try to match you up) 1 person was interested in the possibility of an off property compost station 20 people said they think we need curbside pickup for recycling to work. 13 said they don't mind, or prefer coming to a drop off center. Most thought monthly collection would be the best. 26 were for mandatory recycling; 5 against. The rest unsure. 19 thought tax incentives for recycling were a good idea, 11 didn't. 18 change their own automobile oil, 16 do not 20 said they would save their used oil and bring it to a central collection point periodically. Bulk oil purchasing is not a very popular idea due to the wide variety of oils used in town 10 people support the idea of town subsidized diaper service, 20 did not