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Dear Reader,

Another town meeting has come and gone, and we are already heading for the end of July. Yikes. Here's a wish for more flowers, fruits, and vegetables; happy cows, horses, goats, sheep, pigs, ponies, dogs, and cats, and a wonderful Summer and Fall for Arrowsic's human population. Cheers

Town Officials 1992-1993

Selectmen- Mary Gowell, Chair 443-6840, Jim Coombs 442-7178, Manli Ho 443-3874

Town Clerk- Ann Carlton 442-8343

Treasurer- Patty Olds 442-8270

Tax Collector- Nancy Brown Stump 442-7527

Fire Chief- Don Bryant 442-7521, **Assistant Chief** Brian Scott 442-7409

School Committee - Eloise Vitelli, Chair, 443-4660, Alice Sperling, Don Hudson

Codes Enforcement Officer- David Foster 443-2114

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Recycling/Solid Waste Committee- Paul Perkins, Jeff Mann, Bob Kalish, Sandy Burnham

Road Commission- Jim Stump, Chair 442-7527, Paul Brown, Jenny Jorgensen, John Wood, Richard Elwell

Conservation Commission- Bill Blaiklock, Chair 443-3725, Phine Ewing, Kris Coombs, Joan Richardson, Milly Stafford, Paul Schlein, Noreen Blaiklock

State Fire Warden/Director of Civil Emergency Preparedness- Don Bryant 442-7521

Health Officer/Historian- Milly Stafford 443-5832

Registrar of Voters- Dottie Doyle 443-3850

Town Attorney- Eliot Field

Town Hall- 443-4609

State Legislators. Rep. Maria Holt 800-423-2900; Sen. Pam Cahill 800-423-6900

TOWN HALL HOURS: WEDNESDAYS 3:00-5:30 PM, AND FRIDAYS 8:30-11 AM

The Arrowsic Conservation Commission is considering full scholarships to send two young people to conservation/nature camps this summer. The purpose of these two scholarships will be to promote increased sensitivity and awareness for our environment while providing fun and exciting summer activities.

The first scholarship will be for a child in the primary grades 3-6. The second will be for junior high and middle school level. The two camps being considered are The Maine Audubon Society's Mast Landing Nature Camp (a day camp in Freeport) and the Maine Conservation School (a sleep-away camp in Bryant Pond). The programs are one to two weeks long in the beginning of August. Depending on child and camp availability, themes may include, "Wonders of Water," "Wabanaki Ways," "Day/Night World," "Aquatic Habits," and "Forestry, Soils, and Geology." Selection of the two camps will be based strictly on interest. Any child interested should submit a short composition on the subject "Why I want to go to summer Nature Camp."

THE COMMISSION NEEDS AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IF ANYTHING IS TO HAPPEN THIS SUMMER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL PAUL SCHLEIN (443-3209) OR KRIS COOMBS (442-7178)

The Commission will read all entries and contact the two children selected with details as soon as possible. Depending on the results/responses to this program, it is hoped that this idea can be expanded in the future with more scholarships. The Commission is also considering a local "Junior Conservation Corps" to involve more children in our community in conservation related activities.

The Arrowsic Fire Department had a really busy 4th of July. We helped on the parade committee, manned three locations during the Shipbuilders Triathlon with command and EMT assistance, ran a dunking booth to benefit the regional training center in Bath, and provided the fire protection for the fireworks display. They were actually quite good from where we sat.

In addition to all that work, we had a chance to play a little bit. This was the first year that Arrowsic participated in the Fireman's Follies. If you watched the local news you saw our racing bed. We won best built, but took second place in the speed run behind Arnoid Rice and the Phippsburg team. Beginner's luck helped us in the watersports (held in the rain on Saturday) and we took best overall for the three events. West Bath's team was tough competition and it came down to Sudden Death in the waterball event. I think the wind was in our favor. Next year we might not be so lucky and will need some new recruits. Sign up now and avoid the rush.

We have a couple of new members- Dave Collier and Gil Thomas. Welcome aboard guys.

There has been lots of work and training going on at the station lately and we welcome anyone passing by to stop and visit when we are there. Regular meetings are Thursday Nights at 7PM.

One last reminder, PLEASE, no fires at Sewall Pond.

GERTRUDE PETERSON'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE PLANNING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE ARROWSIC TOWN HALL FROM 2-5 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 TO WISH HER A HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY.

This is not intended to be a gift-giving occasion, it is a time to celebrate together what a good place Maine is to live. PLEASE COME!

WANTED: DELICIOUS BAKED ITEMS TO SELL, AND HUNGRY PEOPLE TO BUY THEM

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department is having a bake sale Saturday, August 8 from 8:30 til everything is sold at Shaws in Bath. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Town Hall Friday morning (8:30-11) or at Shaws between 8 and 8:30 Saturday morning

June 24, 1992 was annual Town Meeting.

The following is a brief synopsis of what transpired. Bill Weisman was elected moderator, and Ann Carlton was reelected Town Clerk. Manli Ho was elected Selectman for a three year term, Eloise Vitelli was reelected school board member for one year, Patty Olds and Nancy Brown Stump were reelected treasurer and tax collector, respectively, and Don Bryant was reelected Fire Chief.

The Selectmen pointed out that although it appears that the Codes Enforcement Officer is getting a raise (his salary has been \$2,000, and was listed this year as \$2,500) in fact he is not. In the past, he has kept all permit fees (minus the percentage of plumbing fees that go to the state). Beginning this year, the town will receive all building and conditional use permit fees. Along payroll lines, the Road Commission again declined to accept pay for their work. The town voted to spend \$18,103. on salaries. This amount includes Social Security and Medicare taxes for all Town employees as required by the Federal government.

\$4,000 was approved for contingency spending- this includes such expenses as postage, office supplies, mileage to Town Officials who attend seminars and out of town meetings, tuition for classes, minor repairs to the buildings, etc. \$1,700 was approved for the Town report, \$8,000 was approved for insurance (public officials liability, fire department vehicles, town-owned buildings, workers comp), \$2,600 was approved for the auditor's report, and \$3,300 was approved for utilities.

The Planning Board requested and received approval for \$1,800. \$1,500 of this is from surplus and will be used to print up new ordinances. The Conservation Commission requested and received \$250. These funds will be used as scholarships to send two young people to Nature Camps this summer (see related article)

10% interest will be charged on late paid taxes this year - this is the state maximum allowable.

Once again, the alewife question was tabled due to lack of alewives.

Article 24 generated a bit of discussion. There was some disagreement over whether a computer should be considered a capital expenditure. Concerns were also expressed over which brand, what kind of software, where to store it, etc. Kris Coombs pointed out that it is erroneous to assume that town work isn't being done on computer, simply because the town doesn't own one. In fact, all the treasurer's work, and a good part of the selectmen's work is being done on personal computers, and has been for some years. The consensus was finally reached to appropriate the money from surplus rather than the Capital Improvement Fund.

An additional \$10,000 was appropriated from surplus into the Capital Improvement Fund, \$1,500 was appropriated for legal services, and \$650 for updating tax maps.

There was no action on article 28 regarding the discharge of firearms. A committee has been formed to discuss the safety issues of firearms in Arrowsic as our population density increases. The meetings are public, and to learn about the next scheduled meeting, call Andreas Von Huene 442-8145, or Jeff Galuza 443-6783.

Articles 29-35 were corrections or additions to our zoning and subdivision ordinances, and will be incorporated into the newly printed version, available soon from the Planning Board. Article 36 established a no-parking zone in the area of the dry hydrant on Route 127 at Sewall Pond.

Education articles were explained and passed as written. Melissa McLure was the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship award.

The Road budget was misprinted- the request for the Bald Head and Steen Roads should have been \$1500, not \$15,000 \$20,000 was requested to continue paving on the Old Stage Road, this year beginning at the South end. \$7,500 was requested for paving the Mill Island Road to the turnaround. Jim Stump, chair of the Road Commission, listed the snow plow bids as they received them: Charlie Collins, dba Maine Moss- \$23,500; Michael Stacy- \$27,541; Richard Elwell- \$30,875; and Dick Holbrook- \$32,575. Many expressed their appreciation for the outstanding work performed by Dick Elwell and his crew the past few years. Although there were sentiments expressed for keeping the money in town, and having our snowplow contractor in Arrowsic, Charlie Collins was awarded the contract as lowest bidder for three years. The total appropriated was \$64,500- \$21,948 will be raised in taxes.

\$26,850 was requested and approved for solid waste/recycling/septage needs without discussion. \$5,025 was requested and approved for Fire Protection in the coming year. Chief Don Bryant warned us that the time is coming for us to start thinking about a new truck- one that will help us get a better fire rating for insurance purposes (individual homeowners as well as Town needs). To that end, we appropriated \$4,000 from surplus into the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Dept. Capital Improvement Fund.

\$1,450 was raised to pay the ambulance contract to the City of Bath, and \$8,462 was raised for charitable donations, support to the Patten Free Library, and dues to various municipal and State organizations.

Next year's Town Meeting will be Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30.

HAPPY 40th ANNIVERSARY TO WILBUR AND ETHEL LOVEITT (June 19) Their Friends and Family are sending them to Alaska for a second honeymoon and fishing trip.

HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY TO DALE AND ANN CARLTON, AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

The following people have registrations due in these months:

BASSETT, MICHAEL A
BRAWN, CHARLES W
BRENNAN, WILLIAM R
BROWN STUMP, NANCY E
[REDACTED]
COOK, SAMANTHA A
DRAKE, SALLY
ELWELL, GEORGIA K
FRYE, BRADLEY J
FULLER, AMY J
HAINES, JESSE H
HEATH, RALPH W
HEATH, RALPH W
HUDSON, W DONALD JR
KELLY, WILLIAM L
KENNEY, VIVI M
LEVESQUE, CLARENCE

MCLEAN, DANIEL W
MCLUER, JOHN W
MOORE, FRED A
MORONG, GEORGE A
MORRISON, GLENNA
NELSON, ROBERT
NICHOLSON, A L
[REDACTED]

NICOL, JAMES
PAGE, ESTHER M
PAGE, RONALD M
PELLETIER, ROLANDE
PINETTE, ANTHONY J
ROOT, DONALD N
SIMMONS, CONNIE
SKILLINGS COLEMAN, ELI
SOKOL, DAMIAN

STONE, GRACE W
STONE, GRACE W
STOY, KERRY A
WARNER, DORIS E
WARNER, JOHN W III
WILLIAMS, SARAH B

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ANDERSON, DAVID K
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM C
COST, CORINNE C
DEMERS, MAUREEN
DUBE, HELEN S
FOSTER, DAVID
FOSTER, PRUDENCE
FUTTER, MARGARET E
GILES, SAM

HALL, E VICTOR
KINGSBURY, RICHARD
LOVEITT, WILBUR
MILLER, ALLEN L
NEAL, ABIGAIL R
NICOL, JAMES
NODINE, ANNIE
OLEARY, JUNE
PAULE, SUZANNE
PELLETIER WALSH, LOUISE
PORTER, ALICE F
PORTER, ARCHIE
SCHLEIN, MONA J
SHOVER, EVELYN R
THURLOW, SIDNEY
YEATON, GUY M
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And Now a message from our Sponsor: **come see Noises Off** an Hilarious Theater Farce (starring two Arrowvic residents) at The Theater Project running Wed-Sun at 8pm thru August 2. For reservations, call 729-8584

The **ARROW** is privately funded in dollars and people power. Donations and suggestions are always welcome. Next issue will appear in your mailbox as soon as we have enough news to fill it. If you have an announcement or an article you'd like in print, drop it in the Town Hall mail slot addressed to The Arrow, or me (Patty Olds 442-8270)

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