

The Arrowsic Arrow

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Dear Reader,

This Arrow is brought to you by concerned friends and neighbors. If you are not receiving it every month or so, and would like to, send self addressed-stamped envelopes to: THE ARROW, HC33, ARROWSIC, MAINE 04530. Back issues are available. ... Enjoy the summer, and **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY IN TOWN** for our kids', bikers', walkers', and pets' sakes.

Selectmen—meets August 1&15, thereafter 2nd & 4th Mondays—Manli Ho; Patricia Harcourt; Brian Scott

Town Clerk—Wed nesdays 3-5:30pm, Fri days 8:30-11am—Jane Peabody

Tax Collector—same hours as clerk—Barbara West

Treasurer—Greg Guckenberg

Fire Chief—Don Bryant; **Assistant Chief**—Brian Scott

Codes Enforcement Officer—David Foster

Registrar of Voters—Dottie Doyle

Animal Control Officer—Chris Grill

Zoning Board of Appeals—meet as needed—Grace Stone, chair; Bart Chapin; Noreen Blaiklock; Mary Hillery; Jack Witham; Lisa Spencer, alternate

School Committee—call for meeting times—Eloise Vitelli; Don Hudson; Jerry Pieh

Planning Board—meets 1st Mondays—John Wood; Karen Robbins; Lucy Hull; Jim Tolan; Jim Stump; Art Dresser, alternate; David Spencer, alternate

Conservation Commission—meets 4th Tuesdays—Bill Blaiklock; Phine Ewing; Joan Richardson; Millie Stafford; Noreen Blaiklock, alternate

Road Commission—meets 1st Saturdays—Jim Stump; Richard Elwell; John Wood; Patty Olds

Recycling Committee—meets as needed—Jeff Mann; Jo Burke; John Burke; Paul Schlein; Bob Kalish

It Happened at Town Meeting:

Skip Stinson was elected to (and performed with much appreciated patience, wit, and wisdom) the office of Moderator. Jane Peabody was elected Town Clerk, and Barbara West was elected Tax Collector. Jerry Pieh was elected to the School Committee. Greg Guckenberg was re-elected Treasurer, Barbara West was elected Tax Collector, and Don Bryant was re-elected Fire Chief. Salaries were fixed at a total of \$19,878.

Article 7 passed as a mandatory Thank You to the State for funds the legislators allocated to us. Article 8, regarding roads, passed as written. Jim Stump explained that \$2500 was for sealing cracks on Old Stage Road, and \$20,000 was for paving the Indian Rest Road. Total to be raised in taxes is \$19,448.

Fire Department articles were next. \$3,914 in Maine Yankee grant funds was accepted for communications equipment maintenance. \$15,339 was appropriated (\$8,525 to be raised in taxes) as requested in article 10. Article 11 requested that \$6,000 from surplus be appropriated to the Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan. Don Bryant explained that this money will go toward the purchase of a new truck. \$2,000 in gifts of property were accepted from the Boosters Association.

There was quite a discussion about ambulance service, which services offers paramedics, which is faster to the scene, who is better trained, etc. The Selectmen are continuing to work toward the best choice for the town.

In the Solid Waste/Recycling category, we appropriated \$4,000 towards septage and recycling. Yes, it is true that the town pays for the disposal of your septage in Bath, although you still must cover the cost of pumping at your house. \$500. was appropriated to cover our share of the continuing efforts to keep Bath's Water and Sewage Treatment Plant up to legal par. \$1,500 was appropriated toward the purchase of garbage bags or tags in a Solid Waste Disposal Plan heading toward encouraging recycling efforts. \$15,500 was appropriated to continue weekly trash pickup through the summer, and change to bi-weekly for the nine months following. The request for \$1,300 for a Spring '95 pickup failed.

Article 18, directing the Selectmen to do a feasibility study for municipal facilities, passed. \$7,629 was appropriated toward the support of all organizations listed in the warrant, plus Bath/Brunswick Mental Health for \$548 which did not make it in time for the printers. There was some discussion about the Arrow at this point, to which I will respond shortly. \$705. was appropriated for dues (down from \$987 because \$282 was already listed in the education articles).

The education articles all passed as written. Thank you, once again, to the School Committee for their foresight and generosity in setting up a pre-town meeting forum to discuss these articles, and saving us all hours on the 22nd. Alex Guckenberg was awarded the scholarship of \$1,000. He plans on studying computer systems in school.

\$4,000 was appropriated for contingency funds. This pays for things like postage, maintenance and repair of the copy machine, pencils and pens, mileage for town officials to and from meetings, tuition for seminars and courses, etc. \$1,700. was appropriated for printing the town report (thanks to Manli Ho and Milly Stafford for a beautiful job this year). \$9,000 was appropriated for insurance, \$2,600 was appropriated for the Auditor's report, and \$4,000 was appropriated for utilities. The Planning Board requested and was approved for \$600., and the Conservation Commission was appropriated \$250.. Interest on overdue taxes was set at the State maximum allowed, 10%.

\$1,252 was appropriated from Property Tax Relief funds into the computer account. A Polaroid Land Camera donated to the Town by Troy Swearington was officially accepted. It was noted that we have collected about \$12,700 into the Water Access Trust fund by accumulating watercraft excise taxes, and voted to continue doing so. \$4,000 was appropriated from surplus for town hall improvements, and \$5,000 was appropriated from surplus into the Capital Improvement Fund.

\$1,500 was appropriated for legal services, \$1,200 was appropriated for tax maps, and the date for next year's meeting was set at June 21, 1995 at 6:30pm. A pleasant time was had by most.

From the Selectmen:

We begin the new year by welcoming Brian Scott to the Board of Selectmen. Among other attributes, Brian brings with him invaluable expertise and knowledge of all aspects of firefighting and emergency services, as well as a wicked down-home sense of humor. We're looking forward to a wicked good year.

Our welcome also extends to Jane Peabody, our new town clerk, and Barbara West our new tax collector.

Following voter approval at Town Meeting, the Selectmen have begun to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a future site for municipal services, including recycling and a possible transfer station. This will obviously involve long range planning for our town.

Weekly trash pickup began this month and will continue through August. Bi-weekly pickup will resume in September for nine months, as was voted at Town Meeting.

We are continuing to look into the best solution for ambulance service. For the time being, Bath will continue to provide this service but at a higher fee. At a recent meeting with Bath officials, we were told that service may be affected somewhat by staffing changes on evenings and weekends. We were also informed that the city cannot guarantee that there will be a paramedic on the ambulance "even 25 percent of the time." The selectmen expect to be exploring possible arrangements with Georgetown. We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, we ask those who expressed an interest in serving on town committees—recycling, conservation, recreation/special events—to please make yourselves known to us.

Finally, we'd like to thank Skip Stinson for his moderating touch at town meeting. We're still oohing over the magnificent cake baked by Sue Elwell. It was a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. And, last but not least, we'd like to express our appreciation to the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Dept. Boosters Assn. for providing watermelon and refreshments during "cake break."

From David Foster, Codes Enforcement Officer 443-2114

I would like to caution all Arrowsic residents again. Before you build anything or place anything (above ground pool, storage shed, as examples) on your property, please contact me for information about permits, setback requirements, and other information. This applies to what some call temporary structures as well. Thanks.

For the time being, the new Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be at the Town Hall for the same hours as before: 3-5:30 pm Wednesdays, and 8:30-11 am Fridays. Until the Department of Motor Vehicles holds its next training for "registered agents," Barbara West will not be able to renew your vehicle registration. You will pay only excise taxes to her.

The State renewal can be done in Topsham 9-5, or in Georgetown from 9-12 and 1-5 Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 9-12 Wednesday; and 9-12 and 1-7 Thursdays.

DID YOU KNOW? If your mail is addressed to Star Route 2, the computer reads it as RFD 2. If you're lucky, the regular RFD postal worker notices and passes it on to Arrowsic. But if there is a substitute person on RFD 2, your mail will get delivered to somebody else, because their box numbers are the same as ours. Either way, it will take longer to find you. The correct address is HC33.

Fire Department News Fire Chief, Don Bryant, 442-7521

The Fire Department Auxiliary is selling chances on lobsters. Call Judy Kenney for more information. 443-4797.

The Fire Department had a busy weekend over the 4th of July. We had the Mini-Pumper and the Tanker plus 2 beds, for the bed race, in the Bath Parade. Later that day we took a 4th with the junior firefighter's bed and a 5th with the senior's bed. In the follies, which involve three different competitions, Arrowsic was overall winner, recapturing the trophy from the Bath Department.

Arrowsic participated in the tri-athlon with at least 20 persons from the department working as volunteers at the various checkpoints and in other related capacities.

Arrowsic again was stationed at the "Coal Pocket" with the Brush Truck and the Mini-Pumper and a number of firefighters in case there was a problem with the fireworks display on the final night of Heritage Days.

The Arrowsic Fire Dept. Boosters would like to thank all the residents who are using the bottle collection bin at the Town Hall parking lot. The proceeds from the bottles will be used for the purchase of needed additional turnout gear. To date, we've purchased 1 pair of boots, 1 pair of gloves, and a nomax hood for a total of about \$150. Thanks again.

And now, a word from our sponsor, Patty Olds 442-8270: I had to leave town meeting at the break, and was told later that the Arrow came up for discussion during the vote on charitable organizations. One person who does not have a mailbox in town felt inconvenienced at having to get a self-addressed stamped envelope to me in order to receive the Arrow. He wondered if the Town could appropriate money to defray the cost of postage.

I have turned down the option to be listed under donations in the warrant NOT because of any sort of need for editorial autonomy, NOT because it's my baby and I don't want to share it, but SIMPLY because money is not the issue. Time is. It is easier for me to remember to send out the Post Office Box mail if there is an envelope waiting to be stuffed. But, there is more to it:

To be quite honest, I never knew how many people were interested in getting the newsletter. A couple of years ago I wrote to the post office box holders, IF YOU WANT THIS, SEND ME ENVELOPES. More than half of those to whom I had been sending Arrows were not interested. I have since sent out between 8 and 10 rather than 20 to 25 each month. I think it makes sense to give folks a choice. The rest are delivered directly to you by one of the most quietly generous people in town at no charge (well, OK, sometimes I bake chocolate chip cookies). That person has continued to make the Arrow possible for almost ten years, under one condition: anonymity.

If you've got a better idea for those who get their mail out of town, or would like to organize the mailing for them, great! Give me a call.

Car registrations due:

BARTER, MARLENE	KILBOURN, JABEN F	STONE, ALBERT	FOSTER, PRUDENCE	NICHOLSON, ALLISON	WEST, BARBARA YEATON, GUY M YEATON, GUY M
BRAWN, PAMELA	LEVESQUE, CLARENCE	STONE, GRACE W	FOSTER, PRUDENCE E	NICOL, JAMES	
BRENNAN, WILLIAM R	LEVESQUE, CLARENCE	SULLIVAN, ELAINE M	FUTTER, MARGARET E	NODINE, ANNIE	
CARR, KRISTEE	MCLUER, JOHN W	WARNER, DORIS E	GRILL, MICHAEL W	PAGE, BARBARA L	
CHAPIN, E BARTON II	MILLER, ELAINE B	WARNER, JOHN W III	HALL, NANCY E	PAULE, SUZANNE	
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DRAKE, SALLY P	NICOL, JAMES	BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM	KICKEN, RUDOLF	PORTER, ARCHIE	
ELWELL, GEORGIA K	PAGE, RONALD M	BURKE, JOANNE S	LEWIS, LAWRENCE II	ROBBINS, KAREN	
FRYE, BRADLEY J	PIEH, JEROME	COLE, CHARLES D	LOVEITT, WILBUR	SCHLEIN, MONA J	
HUDSON, W DONALD JF	ROOT, DONALD N	COST, CORINNE C	MACLEOD, JAMES	SMITH	
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KENNEY, VIVI M	SKILLINGS CCLEMAN,	DUBE, HELEN S	NEAL, ABIGAIL R	SWEARINGEN, RICHARD	