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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: Sue Elwell

Tax Collector: Liz Rollins

Codes Enforcement Officer: David Foster

Regular Town Hall Office Hours:

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

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND SURVEY RESULTS

The Arrowsic School Committee would like to acknowledge the work of the committee's member Jerry Pieh. With his years of experience in the educational field, Jerry brought a wealth of knowledge and insight to Arrowsic educational issues. He was also an instrumental member of the search committee which was responsible for hiring the new Union # 47 Superintendent Bob Young in 1995. We applaud Jerry's accomplishments, acknowledge all his hard work, and hope we can still call upon his wisdom from time to time.

We would also like to welcome Nancy Brown Stump to the School Committee. Nancy is a writer and as the parent of two daughters she has been very involved in both the schools of Union #47 and the Bath schools.

Last spring we sent out a survey. A total of 41 people returned the questionnaire. Respondents were asked to rate certain statements on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 5 Strongly Agree. Highlights of the survey are as follows:

- A strong majority of respondents were satisfied with the educational opportunities in the area.
- A sizeable majority did not want Arrowsic to contract with another school system and preferred the current "school choice" system.
- Most felt the Arrow could be used to better promote information about our students.
- Most felt the school committee was responsive to the needs of the members of the community.

The committee plans on holding an educational

forum at the Town Hall this winter. The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 23 at 8:15 a.m.

For any questions about schools, please call either Wendy Briggs (443-3285), Eloise Vitelli (443-4660), or Nancy Brown Stump (442-7527).

SELECTMEN'S NOTES FROM THE WORLD OVER.....

The recycling committee recommended, and the selectmen approved, giving T&R Associates a 30 day notice to the effect that the town was **breaking the trash hauling and recycling contract**. It was recommended by the recycling committee and approved by the selectmen to contract with R.C. Rogers & Sons for the towns recycling and pick up. R.C. Rogers & Sons began trash and recycling pick up September 1, 1998. (see story below)

Betty Wilson, Shellfish Committee Chair, met with the selectmen to review her committee's activities. She reported that the shellfish's agenda for the future includes:

1. Continue collecting water samples for the Department of Marine Resources.
2. Provide information concerning clam conservation to the citizens of Arrowsic.
3. Develop a conservation credit program for 1999.

The shellfish committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m.

(Note: There will be no September meeting; instead, a joint meeting is planned with the Conservation Commission on October 19, starting at 6:30 p.m.)

The shellfish committee has moved from an ad hoc committee to a permanent committee with

the following members:

Mike Kreindler	3 year term
Michele Gaillard	3 year term
Betty Wilson (chair)	2 year term
Bill Blaiklock	2 year term
Dave Foster	1 year term

projects assigned to the committee to see how a process, designed to gather appropriate information and meaningful data, would work. The one decided upon was beautifying the town hall lot.

CLAM FLAT NEWS

Town residents are encouraged to join members of the shellfish and conservation committees on Monday, October 19, at 6:30 in the town hall. Jon Hentz, Arrowsic clam warden, will speak about surveying clam flats, the need to element sources of contamination and water sampling for the state. We will all learn, first hand, about the success of our first season of digging in our newly opened flats. Our commercial diggers have enjoyed a successful harvest and several recreational diggers have enjoyed fine chowders and great-tasting Arrowsic steamers

REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER

As citizens of Sagadahoc County and one of the towns that will be required to contribute financially to a new regional dispatch center, we should make every effort to become aware and involved in the present process that is studying the feasibility of such a center.

In a meeting with our County Commissioner Darla Jewett, your selectmen along with representatives from other towns voiced opposition of a proposal that Sagadahoc County communities contribute financially to the proposed center. We along, with other towns, recently spent \$100,000 to upgrade the Sagadahoc Sheriff's dispatch center, which now qualifies for a public safety answering point for E-911.

Arrowsic Selectmen are actively involved in the process and welcome any and all input. You can send an e-mail to Larry Wilson at, lwilson@gwi.net, leave a note in the selectmen's box at town hall, or send a letter to Larry Wilson HC 33 Box 120 Arrowsic.

NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE....

Nancy Brown Stump has resigned because of other commitments.

Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson has accepted the vacancy created after after Larry Wilson was elected to the Board of Selectmen.

It was decided to choose one of the lesser

Projects that the Property Management Committee have are:

1. Find Out What The Town Committee's Needs And Desires Are.
2. Study The Feasibility Of Building A New Town Hall/Fire House Complex.
3. Future Use Of Present Town Hall.
4. Beautify The Town Hall Lot.
5. Draw Up Short And Long Term Plans.
6. Find Out What The General Public Wants.

NEWS FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION.....

MDOT is planning to repair Rte 127, near Ethel Elwell's, and may cut a stand of large pines along the east side of the road. The trees are outside of the right-of-way. However, Mrs. Elwell reportedly has given the State permission to cut them.

(Note: MDOT has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday September 9, at the Town Hall, to review the work.)

Jim Stump and Joan Richardson have completed corrections to the E-911 maps and have mailed them to the state.

NEWS FROM THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE....

R.C. Rogers & Sons is the new provider of the town's waste management and recycling service. Owner Craig Rogers headed T&R Associates before that company was sold to an out of state firm over a year ago. Since the sale of T & R, the Recycling Committee has experienced difficulty getting feedback from the company and questioned its monitoring of our recycling totals. The new service began Labor Day weekend and the schedule remains the same as before: trash and recyclables will be picked up every other Friday, beginning with the September 18th pickup.

TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE	PICKUP
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SEPT: 18

OCT: 2, 16, 30

NOV: 13, 27

DEC: 11, 24 (Christmas is on the 25th)

GOODBYE LOBSTER, HELLO MY LITTLE CHICKADEE

Beginning July 1, 1999, the lobster design license plates will be replaced with plates featuring the chickadee. All drivers will receive the new plates when they renew their registration after the above date.

However, special plates such as the loon (conservation), UMS (university), motorcycle, veteran, trailer and so forth, won't be replaced by the chickadee plate.

Drivers may reserve their current plate number for the new chickadee plate by completing a reservation application, available at the town hall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR NEW HOME FOR EQUIPMENT

The Volunteer Fire Department is looking for housing for the brush truck and the Hecla Hand Tub. Current housing expires October 1. To help, call fire chief Scott at 443-3647.

TOWN HALL NEEDS HELP

Volunteers are needed to get the town hall in shape for the winter. Anyone interested contact Sue Elwell

SOME WORDS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ARROW.....

We are trying to improve the Arrow so that it can better communicate news between the selectmen and the residents, and between residents. We'll publish everything received, limited only by room. Your feedback is encouraged, as is your participation. Those of you who have email are invited to send submissions to Bob Kalish (rkalish@gwi.net) or Larry Wilson (lwilson@gwi.net). You may leave old fashioned paper and ink in the Arrow box in the Town Hall, or you can mail it to Bob Kalish, HC 33, Box 156, Arrowsic 04530. We would like to experiment with a Kid's Page or Kid's Korner featuring news, drawings, and features from our school-age citizens. We plan to publish every other month, so the next issue will come out in November, **deadline: Oct. 30.**

You will notice that this issue has been professionally printed. For about \$39 we can have 200 copies of the Arrow printed and distributed. We'd like to encourage town businesses and/or private citizens to support the printing costs. This issue, for example, was paid for by a private citizen who wishes to remain anonymous. But if you'd like credit, we could announce that "this issue of the Arrow was made possible by the generosity of Arrowsic Dry Cleaning." Or something like that. Therefore, the future of the Arrow in this form will depend upon your support.

Little Known Facts Dept: Contrary to popular belief, caterpillars can swim. They don't swim in public because their swim suits keep falling off.

Town Committees

(All meetings take place at Town Hall)

Committee	Chair	Meeting Date And Time
Planning Board	James Tolan	1st Monday of month

		Except Holiday than 2nd Monday of month Time: 7 p.m.
Board of Appeals	Grace Stone	As Needed.
Recycling Solid Waste	Paul Schlein	As Needed.
Road Commission	James Stump	1st Saturday of month Time: 9 am
Conservation Commission	Josephine Ewing	3rd Monday of month Time: 7 p.m.
Town Property Management Committee	James Arsenault	3rd Tuesday of month Time: 7 p.m.
Shellfish Committee	Elizabeth Wilson	3rd Monday of month Time: 5 p.m.
Selectmen	Pat Harcourt month. Time: 6 p.m.	2nd and 4th Monday of

CAR REGISTRATIONS DUE, SEPTEMBER.....

NAME

ATER, ROBERT G
 BRAWN, CHARLES W
 BROWN, LOUISE C
 BRYANT, BARBARA
 CARLETON, JAMES
 CARLTON, VERNON F
 CHAFFEE, JOHN JR
 DEION, TAMMY J
 DEION, TAMMY J
 DELON, TAMMY J
 DRESSER, ARTHUR E
 DURRELL, DAVID A
 ELWELL, KIMBERLY
 EWING, JOSEPHINE W
 GARFIELD, ELIZA N
 GEIGER, JENNIFER L
 GILES, DOROTHY
 GILES, SAMUEL D
 GOWEN, LILLIAN L
 HILLERY, MARY
 HOLBROOK, KIMBERLY L
 JOHNSON, PATRICIA F
 JONES, JUDITH N
 KIDD, MARK R
 LEVESQUE, CLARENCE R
 LOVEITT, WILBUR F
 LUM, JO A
 NELSON, ROBERT H

OCONNOR, JAMIE R
 OVERLOCK, CHARLES
 PAULE, SUZANNE E
 PUFF, DAVID
 ROBINSON, MATTHEW B
 RON ELWELL PLUMBING,
 STARBIRD, JAYNE E
 STONE, ALBERT E
 STORER, HOWARD H
 TEXTOR, KENNETH J
 TOLAN, JAMES J
 WARNER, KEVIN J
 WATSON, BJ
 WEST, BARBARA
 WISEMAN, KENNETH
 WISEMAN, KENNETH W
 WITHAM, JACK W
 WRIGHT, SUZANNE

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