

The Arrowsic Arrow

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The Selectmen's Corner

At our most recent meeting, we welcomed back traveling committee members who had just returned from assorted parts of the world. We all agreed how lucky we are to live in this beautiful corner of the world. As Dorothy said, "There's no place like home, especially if it is Arrowsic."

We are also lucky that so many of our residents feel such a strong sense of commitment to the Town that they are willing to give of their time and energy to make it an even better place. To have such able and hard working officials like Tax Collector Liz Rollins, Town Clerk Phine Ewing, and Treasurer Paul Schlein to keep things moving smoothly and efficiently is a huge bonus. There are so many aspects of running a town, even one as small as Arrowsic, and our officials and committees provide invaluable contributions to the common good.

We realize that these good folks will probably not continue in their positions forever, and we should therefore be making plans for replacing them when the time comes. It was suggested that we formulate a list of interested but currently uninvolved people who might be willing to step into the breach should the need arise. There are lots of opportunities. Some take just a little time, some take a bit more.

Below is a list of positions and committees with their traditional schedules.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Selectmen	2 nd & 4 th Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Treasurer	Attends Selectmen's meetings
Tax Collector	Wed, 3:00-5:30, Fri, 8:30-11:00
Town Clerk	Wed, 3:00-5:30, Fri, 8:30-11:00
School Committee	
Planning Board	1 st Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Registrar of Voters	Elections and preparation
Zoning Board of Appeals	As needed
Codes Enforcement Officer	On call
Recycling/Solid Waste	As needed
Road Commission	1 st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	3 rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Town Property Management	3 rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Shellfish Conservation Comm.	2 nd Monday at 4:30 p.m.
Fire Department	On call
Local Emergency Manag.	As needed
Health Officer	As needed
Animal Control Officer	On call

Constable	On call
Town Historian	As needed
Scholarship Fund Committee	As needed

Is there an area of Town affairs that seems interesting to you? Do you have strengths and talents that you would be willing to share? See if there is a way for you to add to the quality of life in Arrowsic. Please call or e-mail one of the Selectmen to let us know where your talents lie. Or slip a note into the Selectmen's box at Town Hall. Larry Wilson, 443-6970 , lwilson@gwi.net;
Michele Gaillard, 442-7443, mgaillard@bowdoin.edu;
Sukey Heard , 443-6768, sukeyheard@gwi.net.

SEPTIC SYSTEM OPPORTUNITY:

Do you have a problematic septic system?? The State has notified us of an opportunity to apply for a grant to replace faulty systems with between 25% and 100% reimbursement. Please contact one of the Selectmen or our Town Clerk or Tax Collector if you think your system might qualify.

Car Registrations

November

Ames, S.
Bassett, M.
Bertschy, M.
Blaiklock, W
Brett, J.
Brummer, K.
Cossart, E.
Elwell, Ri. (PC1259GA)
Elwell, Ro. (PC1233GA)
Harkins, E.
Heath, R.
Jorgensen (CO713431)
Jorgensen (CO713429)
Lee, D.A.
Macleod, J.K.
Mann, J.
McClead, S.
Newcomb, D.
Orr, E.
Peih, J.
Safford, G.
Schumaker, W.
Starbird, J.
Tarbox, C.
Thomas, K.
TTEE, UTD
Weiss, D.
Wodruff, M.

December

Arsenault, J.
Barnes, A.
Blanchard, H.
Brawn, P.
Brown, P.
Chaffee, J.
Crabtree, K.
Detwiler, B.
Elwell, M. (PC5481MI)
Elwell, M. (PC5485MI)
Elwell, Robert
Geiger, J.
Giles, S.
Gowell, R.
Janawicz, J.
Johnson, L.
Jorgensen (CO716369)
Kalish, R.
Kane, J.
King, K.
Knowles, R.
Lebrun, L.
Levesque, R.
Mann, J.
McLuer, P.
McLuer, P.
Patzlaff, G.
Puff, D.
Robbins, K.
Storin, M.
Stuart, S.
Theodore, S.
Theodore, S.
Woodruff, P.

Volunteers Needed

The Properties Committee is in the process of doing needed repairs to the Town Hall.

We need residents to help repair things such as a cellar window, secure the kitchen floor, insulate the basement, build shelves and paint walls. This coming summer we must paint the north side of the Town Hall. If you can help us with some of these tasks, please call Bob Ater at 443-1519.

TOWN HALL STOVE, REFRIGERATOR and KITCHEN SINK available for the taking.

If you are interested in either the stove, refrigerator and/or sink, that is in Town Hall, you should call Bob Ater at 443-1519, after 4pm for further information. Deadline for requesting items is December 20th, 2005. If more than one resident requests an item, names will be put in the box, and one name will be drawn by the Properties committee

on December 20. You will be responsible for removing the item(s) from Town Hall.
Stove: G.E. Gas, W 20" H 36" D 24" 4 Burner, Oven & Broiler; Refrigerator: Sanyo W18"
H 32" D 20"
Sink: Stainless steel, 21" deep and 25 "wide; Formica top is 60" long by 25 " wide.

This winter's Midcoast Community Read selection

The Secret Life of Lobsters: How Fisherman and Scientists are Unraveling the Mysteries of Our Favorite Crustacean by Trevor Corson. Journalist Trevor Corson, who summered in Maine as a boy, worked for two years as a sternman aboard a lobster boat out of Little Cranberry Island while researching Gulf of Maine inhabitants - human and marine alike. He turns the spotlight on life in a lobstering community; the work of robot-wielding scientists; and of course, on the lobsters themselves. His in-depth investigations into lobster behavior and biology between the Kennebec River and Bar Harbor reveal a creature both amorous and belligerent, social and predatory.

The reading period kicks off on January 10th through February. Activities will follow in March. FMI: visit your library or www.midcoastreads.com.

Notes from Georgetown Central School:

Things are busy as usual here at school! We've welcomed three additional students to the family since school started in September.

Open House on October 5th was a tremendous success. We enjoyed a 1K family fun run/walk followed by greetings and introductions in the gym. Families were then invited to visit classrooms and teachers. It was great to see everyone!

We are very pleased to announce that our 4th graders scored top in the state on the science MEAs last spring. Their success didn't stop there. They scored second in the state on math, seventh in reading, and thirty-first in writing. Three cheers for our kids!

Please join us for a Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on December 10 th at 5pm. (Adults \$6, Children under 12 are \$4 and children under 5 are free) This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping! Enjoy a meal and place your bid! Proceeds will be used to purchase new playground equipment.

Community service is an important way our children learn to give back to the communities who are so generous to them. In September, Ms. Ayers' fourth grade students raised over \$300 for victims of Hurricane Katrina. In November, Mrs. Morissette's second grade students collected canned food items for needy families. Mr. Kosak's sixth grade students are working on a long-term project gathering items for the Fire Department Auxiliary to give to families who have lost their homes to fire.

From the Solid Waste Committee

UNIVERSAL WASTE: the State of Maine will have new requirements for disposal of Universal Wastes starting Jan '06. This will affect most households in Arrowsic. Universal Waste includes: CRT's - cathode ray tubes in computer monitors and TVs;

batteries - rechargeable batteries, not ordinary alkaline batteries; mercury containing items - thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches; lamps - fluorescent bulbs, basically all light bulbs except an old fashioned incandescent; ballasts - found in old fluorescent fixtures.

Universal waste contains heavy metals such as mercury and lead that are harmful to our health and the environment. Proper management protects all of us. For the near future these items will be accepted at the Bath Landfill for a nominal fee. This is subject to change by the City of Bath so now is the time to identify any items that need disposal. Bath Landfill hours are: 7:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday. please call Liz Ware 443-1490 or Judy Jones 442-7612 with any questions.

2006 Trash and Recycling

January		13*		27*	
February		10*		24*	
March		10*		24*	
April	7*		21*		
May	5*		19*		
June	2*	9	16*	23	30*
July	7	14*	21	28*	
August	4	11*	18	25*	
September		8*		22*	
October	6*		20*		
November	3*		17*		
December	1*		15*		29*

*Trash and recycling pick-ups