

AN ARROWSIC NEWSLETTER

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Arrowsic, Maine, 04530

Dear Reader,

Thanks a billion for your enthusiasm and suggestions! By popular demand, the second issue of An Arrowsic newsletter is now hot off the press (so to speak).

Many of you wanted to see things like questions (and answers) to the Selectmen and Planning Board included in our newsletter. The next issue will probably be in February, 1987. Keep this in mind if you'd like to send along any comments, suggestions, questions, or donations. These can be addressed to me, Patty Olds, at the Town Hall.

Most folks said they'd like to see the news published when there is something to read about- so, read on...

Fred's Footnotes

by Fred Kahrl

Here we go again... thanks to the generosity of our readers! We are encouraged by the many positive responses that Patty has received, and will keep plugging along.

In the last issue I used this space primarily for roadwork updates, so let me first tie up some loose ends:

Sirois Road

We have been informed by the Town's attorney that all the necessary deeds have been signed, so we will commence with the agreed-upon road work as soon as possible. The first concern is restricting the "flood tides" where feasible so that waves and strong currents crossing the road are minimized. If it gets cold too soon, we'll have to wait 'til spring to resurface the gravel.

Old Stage Road

By the time you read this, the stumping and ditching at the north end of the road will have been completed for this year. The stockpile of stumps, stone, and fill at the steep hill is ugly, but in the next construction season, this will be used to flatten the slope of the hill out. The planned blasting of the ledge at the bottom of the hill will also have to wait 'til next year.

Bald Head Road

We are in the process of redesigning the intersection of the Bald Head and Steen Roads to improve the traffic visibility without having to do a lot of blasting. The small outcropping of ledge on the south side of the road will be removed to ground level on both sides. The rest of the project will be limited to realigning the Bald Head road approach to the intersection and filling in the two approaching slopes. This may be a more cost effective fix than blasting if it doesn't take too much fill.

Snow Removal

It's time to remind you of the procedure for reporting winter road conditions:

1. We are more than ready to respond to unreasonable winter road hazards. Report them to the selectmen, starting with the First Selectman, me, Fred Kahrl who also acts as the Road Commissioner. My phone is 442-8497. If I'm not available, try one of the other two selectmen: Ted Bertocci @ 443-6523; or Patty Olds @ 443-6233.

2. When calling, please be specific about the location of the hazard, and the time you last observed the condition.

3. The selectman that you contact will call the contractor who is responsible for the Town's winter road maintenance. In some cases, we may inspect the problem ourselves before calling the contractor.

Everyone would like to have well plowed and sanded winter roads, but since we chose to accept a low bid, and live in a rural community, sometimes we must be patient and take more time in our travels.

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"Town" Stump Dump

This fall we learned, with some surprise that the Town's contract to use the Bath Landfill permits the disposal of stumps and waste wood/brush from private properties, but not from municipal sources.

In the long term, this will have to be reviewed with an eye toward a contract change to permit the Town to haul municipal waste wood and stumps to the Bath, or another approved site. In the near term, however, we are fortunate that John McCarty has agreed to let the Town use the old pit on his property off the Old Stage Road to stockpile, burn, and bury wood waste. This in exchange for:

a) Maintaining the security of the site to prevent trash dumping, etc., and

b) Reclaiming the pit as we fill it in so that when we are done, the terrain will be smoothed out to match the surrounding terrain and then seeded.

Townspersons needing to dump brush, stumps, and waste wood may gain access to the site by contacting the Town Clerk (Prudence Foster @ 443-2114) for the key. If you have a contractor doing the hauling, please have them contact me directly so that I can make sure they dump in the right spot.

As though to make a point, the week before we locked the gate at the stump dump, a car stolen in Waterville was abandoned at the pit, and was reported to the Sheriff's department by the tree-cutting contractor for the Town.

Septage Waste

Arrowsic has quietly joined hands with Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich, and Georgetown to develop a plan which would permit the Bath Wastewater Treatment Plant to accept septic tank pumpings more often and further into the future.

A large holding tank is needed which will be built on land available at the treatment plant, where the very powerful anaerobic (non oxygen using) septage can be stored, mixed with air, diluted, and then fed slowly into the city's aerobic (air breathing) treatment chemistry.

Presently, the very potent septage must be run full strength into the system, often requiring more than a full day of chemistry correction by the staff to get the system stabilized again.

The informal "Septage Consortium" met in November to formalize a design and regulatory approval schedule to keep this important cooperative effort moving ahead.

"Toe Notes"

What's in your address

An Arrowsic resident recently used "Bath Maine, 04530" mailing address on her child's birth certificate, resulting in the Town Clerk having to go through a major hassle to get the certificate changed to have the birth recorded in the Arrowsic vital statistics. Whether you use the Star Rt. 2 or the new HC 33 address, (both are acceptable to the USPO) it is suggested you use **Arrowsic**, Maine 04530 in your address, NOT Bath. The postal service recognizes Arrowsic as a legitimate town/city address. Using it may make your life easier when you least expect it. Let's be proud of our address!

Dog Days

Prudie reminds us that it is time to license Rover again. Her hours at the town hall are Tues. 4:00- 5:30 pm, and Fri. 8:30- 10:00 am. She is very happy to receive calls at her home for special appointments if these hours are not convenient. We are very lucky to have a dedicated animal control officer, Frank McDonald, but we prefer to have him chasing strays than chasing residents that have failed to license their dogs. **Deadline is Jan 1!**

Grumbles in the woods

Several residents have mentioned to the selectmen that they were increasingly concerned about the activities of non-resident deer hunters this fall. We have some thoughts on this issue, but would like to hear more from you.

We have also been receiving complaints about the operation of ATVs. (especially 3-wheelers) on private property, or in other dangerous or offensive ways. We need your thoughts on this subject as we do plan a response to these problems.

Sign On!

Our sincere thanks to Eliot Chandler for giving the sign on the Town Common a facelift, including the up-to-date census figure. Thanks also to Mark Jorgensen of Jorgensen Landscaping for the donation of Spring and Fall flowers around the sign.

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Important Additions:

Colby, daughter of Kristen and James Coombs was born on October 1, 1987

Sydney and Lindsay, fraternal twin daughters of Nancy Proctor and Paul Perkins, were born on December 18, 1987

In our next issue, we'd like to have a column on Town History, and a bit about what's happening over at the Holt Trust - those are the folks that live at the log cabin near Sewall Pond. We'd love to hear from you - what would you like to see, or say?

Townpeople:

The Town of Arrowsic and the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department have been taking steps toward answering our fire protection needs. On Nov. 18 a meeting was held between Arrowsic Selectmen and Fire Chief and other interested chiefs, assistants, and selectmen from Bath, Woolwich, and Georgetown. This meeting served as a forum to discuss the regional nature of current mutual aid agreements and Arrowsic's part in that picture.

Mutual Aid is an understanding between Towns, or their incorporated fire departments affirming the need for the sharing of resources in firefighting. Mutual Aid is also a legal agreement allowing a fire department, other than the Town's own to aid the Town in its responsibility to protect life and property. Currently, no money changes hands as one town responds to another's fire. Arrowsic's contribution to the mutual aid system means trained firefighters and functional equipment. Mutual aid is not something that is bought- it is given.

At the meeting, a hypothetical question was raised as to the possibility of Arrowsic contracting its firefighting needs from the City of Bath. If Arrowsic were to pay the same per capita costs as Bath residents, the bill would be around \$30,000.00 per year- about \$60.00 per person.

The Bath fire chief indicated his preference that Arrowsic answer its mutual aid responsibilities by developing its own firefighting capabilities which could be less expensive and more effective.

In this year's Town Survey, 80% of respondents (137 people) supported the upgrading of the Arrowsic Fire Department. The cost of upgrading might be expected to run \$80,000.00- \$100,000.00 over a five year period. This would cover:

1. New vehicle(s) with equipment
2. Improvements to the Fire Hall
3. Year round water supply accessibility
4. Personal protective gear including air packs.

Those survey respondents who indicated interest in becoming regular firemen (14) or occasional backups (29) should attend the regular meetings held at the Fire Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm, and also occasional spontaneous Sunday mornings. Information and training will be happening.

Fire Chief
Ron Proctor 442-7770

Announcements from the Tax Collector

by Nancy Brown Stump

The Tax Collector's hours at the Town Hall On Tuesdays will be from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for the months of Dec., Jan., and Feb., instead of the usual time (4:00-5:30pm). I'm being selfish. My daughter plays basketball and most of the games are on Tuesdays at 3:30. If I make this temporary change, then I can see her play. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause other folks.

The following people registered cars last Dec. and Jan. Those registrations are coming due. This may not be a complete list:

Dec: Norma Barter
S.T. Bertocci
Dale Carlton
Nancy Cates
A. or E. Chandler
George Gates
N. or V. Hall
R. or W. Krachy
S. Lawrence
D. Lebel
P. Olds
J. Warner
J. or L. Warner
S. Weiss
G. Yeaton

Jan: C. Ainsworth
R. Barter
D. Brassard
C. Brawn
E. Campbell
C. Carlton
F. Carlton
N. Davis
G.K. Elwell
R. Elwell
J. Galuza
R. Heath
F. Kahrl
J. Kenney
V. Kenney

F. McDonald, Jr.
L. Mcdonald
R. Pelletier
D. Richardson
H. Semerdjian
R. Schultz
J. Tara
J. White, Sr.

Peaceful holidays, and all the best for 1987

Odds and ends

Thought you might like to see a comparison of voting results:

<u>Governor:</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>State of Maine</u>
Huber	55	64,317
McKernon	56	170,312
Menario	22	63,474
Tierney	91	128,744

<u>Representative to Congress:</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>County</u>
Brennan	110	121,848
Ives	92	100,260
Truman	15	7,109

<u>State Senator</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>County</u>
Cahill	109	7348
Dow	113	6135

<u>Representative to Legislature</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>County</u>
Holt	140	1717
Leonard	79	1405

<u>Register of Probate</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>County</u>
Hennessey	100	4835
Kakos	103	6073

<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Arrowsic</u>	<u>County</u>
Scopino	83	3871
Tainter	121	7128

Coop news

The Naturally Better Food Coop held a business meeting on October 29, 1986. Several items were discussed, and decisions made.

It was decided that if one or more parents needed child care, those parents can trade child care for work at the breakdown when the order is delivered.

Karen Pare was nominated and elected as Coordinator. Her role will be to act as an interface with members of the Arrowsic Coop, and Northeast (the distributors to our Coop). She is also the person for new members to contact if they are interested in joining. Karen can be reached @ 442-7925.

The next orders are due on January 24. They can be dropped off at the Town Hall. There will be an order meeting on Jan. 28 at the Town Hall, 7:00 pm. Everyone who submits an order must be present at the meeting, or find someone to be responsible for their order at the meeting. Delivery and breakdown will be Saturday, Feb. 7.

Financial Statement

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Hooray for the following donors:

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Mrs. T.R. Ceruti

Phine Ewing

SPECIAL THANKS to Robin Krachy for designing a logo for our paper, calling it The Arrow. Look for it in 1987

Printing costs for this issue are \$60.00. We have decided to send our newsletter to all nonresident landholders, adding another 80 names to the list. A suggestion was made to have any local businesses that may be interested sponsor an issue in exchange for advertising. Sounds like a great idea to me! Anyone interested can contact me at the Town Hall.