

The Arrowsic Arrow

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From the Selectmen:

Town Meeting: This year's Town Meeting will be held on June 11, at 6:30 at the Georgetown Central School. Please remember to bring your Annual Report with you.

Town Clerk: At this writing, we still need a replacement Town Clerk. Heather is leaving on June 15th, and we need someone in her place right after Town Meeting. Please contact a Selectman to apply or with candidate suggestions.

Committee positions available: There are committee vacancies that need to be filled. Property Management Committee will be down 2 members when Bob and Ann Ater retire this month. Also the Zoning Board of Appeals will need another member. Call the committee chair to see if either committee would be a good match for your talents.

From Your School Committee

As you may have noticed, there are no articles on this year's Town Meeting warrant for funding of education. Since we are now part of Regional School Unit #1 the budget approval process is now a two tiered process, which is outlined below.

Regional Budget "Town Meeting"

This is similar to a Town Meeting where a Moderator is elected and registered voters get a chance to speak on the warrant articles and then vote by hand using a colored index card. The difference with this "Regional Town Meeting" is that voters from all the RSU Municipalities (Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich, Bath, and Arrowsic) will meet as a group and vote only on school budget articles.

This year's Regional Town Meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2nd at the Bath Middle School**. Each municipality will have a registration table set up – so you will need to

locate the one for Arrowsic to sign in and get your

index card and written ballot. Please arrive early to register because the Regional Town Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and you should be seated and ready to go at that time.

Secret Ballot Referendum Vote

This is a vote at the polls to approve (validate) the action taken at the Regional Town Meeting. The ballot will read:

Do you favor approving the Lower Kennebec River Regional School Unit (RSU #1) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest regional school unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

- A "YES" vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-12 public education.
- A "NO" vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-12 public education.

Basically a "Yes" vote (total votes counted from all the municipalities) approves the budget agreed upon at the Regional Town Meeting, and a "No" vote does not approve it. If the validation vote fails then the entire budget process starts all over again. (This involves having the RSU #1 approve a new budget, another public meeting, followed by the budget validation referendum vote).

This year's Secret Ballot Referendum Vote will take place at the Arrowsic Town Hall during the State Primary/Referendum Elections on **Tuesday, June 10th**. Absentee Ballots for this RSU Budget vote will not be available until Tuesday, June 3rd (because the vote has to take place after the Regional Town Meeting on June 2nd).

Please participate

in this very important process.

Notice From the Registrar

**The primary election is just around the corner:
The date: Tuesday June 10, 2008 at the Arrowsic
Town Hall polls will open at 10am and close at
8pm. Copy of the ballot will be posted at the Town
Hall for you to view.**

If you are currently not enrolled in any party, you may enroll at any time, including Election Day, by completing and filing an enrollment application with your town registrar or clerk.

To change enrollment from one party to another, you must file an application by Friday May 23, 2008 in order to vote in the new party for the June Primary.

Early Voting Information:

For voters wishing to cast their ballot early, simply go to town hall and request an absentee ballot, which you can cast right there at the town office. Absentee ballots are accepted until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Any questions can be addressed by calling the registrar at 443-4978 or calling Heather Baker the town clerk at 443-4609.

On the State ballot, you may vote for only one candidate for each race. This can be a person whose name is listed on the ballot or someone you choose to write in. If you vote for more than one person for any race, that is called an overvote. An overvote will not count. The votes you marked for other races will still count if you marked them correctly. If you make an overvote or other mistake, ask the clerk for a new ballot. The clerk will write "Spoiled" on the first ballot, and give you a new one to fill out.

IMPORTANT: As soon as you put your ballot in the ballot box, you have voted, and it is too late to get a new ballot.

Your Rights to Vote In Maine

To be eligible to vote in Maine, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years old
- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of the municipality in which you want to vote

Voter Rights

- If you are registered to vote in Maine you can

vote.

- If you are not registered in Maine, you can register on Election Day and you can vote.
- You cannot be turned away from the poll. You must be allowed to vote a challenged ballot. See State Title 21-A, Sections 121, 161 and 673
- If you do not have identification, you can vote.
- If you are in line at the time that the polls close, you can register and vote.
- If you make a mistake, you can get a replacement ballot.
- If you are visually impaired, physically disabled or unable to read or write, you can be assisted.
- You may see a sample ballot and receive instructions on voting procedures.
- You may not be harassed when voting or be influenced on how to vote.
- If you have any problems, or you are denied the right to vote, call the Election Division immediately at 207-624-7650.

These rights are posted at each election held at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Information for voters Casting a Challenged Ballot in Maine

Prepared by the Office of the Secretary of State, November 6, 2007:

- If your eligibility to vote in this election has been challenged, you still have the right to cast a ballot.
- Your challenged ballot will be counted in the same manner as all other ballots on Election Night.
- Before you mark your ballot and deposit it into the ballot box or tabulating machine, it will have been marked by the election warden with a secret number, so that it may be identified as a challenged ballot in the event of a recount.
- If a recount is requested at this election and there are enough challenged ballots to affect the outcome of the election, than the challenged

ballots will be segregated, and the basis for each challenge may be determined by the

To learn whether a recount is being conducted, and whether any challenged ballots are being reviewed, you may visit the Secretary of State's website at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/hava

If you have any question regarding the challenged ballot process or your voting rights, you may call the Division of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State 624-7650.

Notice From Your Health Officer

A new public health information center is available at town hall. There are helpful and informative pamphlets on nutrition, health care providers, preparing for pandemic flu, smoking cessation, Healthy Maine Walks and more. Please stop by during office hours and check it out.

Georgetown Central School

April 2008

We've been busy this winter! If you read the Times Record lately, you know that Mr. Kovacs' third graders have composted over 800 pounds of cafeteria waste this winter! Their next project is to collaborate with the Leadership Club to build (or buy?) a greenhouse where we hope to plant vegetables and herbs.

Our 4th graders were in the Times Record in mid-February when they dissected squid.

Students and their families were then treated to fried calamari and scallops cooked by Chef Troy Maines from the Robinhood Meetinghouse.

Our Math Team traveled to Portland last month for their second math meet of the year.

Nathaniel Geoffrion placed first in the individual competition, with Paige Martin close behind him in 4th place, and Emma Cota in fifth! The 6th grade team placed 2nd in the overall competition.

Congratulations to our own David Knauber for being named Georgetown Citizen of the Year! We appreciate all that David does for us here at school. After being rescheduled twice due to snow, Emma Cota finally made it to the Lincoln/

appropriate authority designated by statute or by state or federal constitution.

Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee in Jefferson.

Emma did a great job, but first place went to former GT student Clare Tolan. Emma was also the winner of our school level National Geographic Bee and competed at the state level last week. The Bath Elks honored three of our fifth graders for their essays entitled, "What It Means To Be An American". Alec Beveridge won first prize, Devon Bryan won second, and Samantha Moore won third prize. After two snow day cancellations, Nathaniel Geoffrion and Katie Goodspeed finally made it to the District III Honors Band Festival in Lisbon on Saturday March 15th.

Monday, March 3rd, was Read Across America day. Many thanks to our community readers:

Kristin Malin, Ellen Grant, Starkey Steuernagle, Barbara West, Don Cowing, Emily Herman, and Megan Fuller. We enjoyed a fun activity sponsored by the PTF that afternoon in the library and got to choose two free books from RIF.

The 2008 boat builders, Katie Goodspeed, Kevin Thibodeau, Kevin Tolan, Samantha Moore, Bronwyn Morissette, and Hannah Maloy, have finished their Ansel skiff and will be raffling it off during the Working League Fair in August. We are so grateful to Wil Ansel and Bob Trabona for giving our students this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our students are now working with their teacher, Mrs. Irving, to write an article about their experience for "Wooden Boat Magazine."

Yard Sale

to benefit the

Arrowsic Scholarship Fund

Saturday June 14

9am - Noon

At the Arrowsic Town Hall

Drop off items at town hall the morning of the sale 8am or later or call Jeremy Blaiklock 443-4630 for other arrangements.

Car Registrations

May

Armstrong, S>
Arsenault, P.
Barter, M.
Beaton, D.
Brooks, D.
Carlton, A.
Chaffee, B.
Chapin, E.
Conner, P
Cunningham, L.
Dunn, L.
Elwell, R.
Fitzherbert, D.
Galuzza, J.
Geiger, M.
Giles, S.
Hanson, J.
Harkins, E.
Harkins, T.

Heard, S.
Hewlett, H.
Jorgensen, M. (5)
Jorgensen Land.
(3)
Kane, J.
Keller, K.
Kingsbury, R.
Lyden, D.
McGowen, B.
McLeur, J.
Oleary, R.
Paradis, R.
Pinette, J.
Puff, J.
Rhythmic Cable
Rollins, E.
Rollins, E.
Santerre, R.
Sawan, A.

Spencer, J.
Ulmer, W.
Warner, L.
Webster, E.
Weiss, D.
Weiss, S.
Wilson, L.
Wiesman, E.
June
Ames, H.
Bassett, M.
Belleville, R. (2)
Bertocci, M.
Beveridge, K.
Blaiklock, W.
Campbell, S.
Caton, R.
Chapin, B.
Crabtree, R.
Dearie, W.

Downs, G.
Elwell, B.
Elwell, E.
Elwell, R.
Emerson, R.
Ewing, J.
Fatscher, R.
Gaillard, M.
Galuzza, J.
Gibbons, L.
Giles, S. (2)
Gunston K. (2)
Jones, J.
Jorgensen, M.
Jorgensen Land.
(2)
Kehl, J.
Kimball, S.
Kingsbury, R.
Kreindler, M.

Lachapelle, O.
Miller, A.
Miller, E.
Newcomb, D.
Olde Kennebec
Wood Cookery
Packard, P.
Pinette, R.
Robinson, H.
Ross, W. (2)
Roy, S.
Shaw, R.
Simmons, C.
Sokol, D.
Sullivan, T.
Tarbox, C.
Tolan, J.
Ulmer, W.
Weiss, D.
Weiss, S.

You're invited! Squirrel Point Light Clean up

When: Saturday, May 31, 9:30 to Noon or thereabouts
(Rain date: Saturday, June 7, same and place)

Where: Squirrel Point Light (park at end of Bald Head Road - please leave turn around space...)

What: Grounds clean up

We'll be cutting back the overgrown sumac, taking down the wooden framing around the old deck and septic tank, and getting a start on clearing up the trash and maybe some small repairs to make the buildings weather tight.

BYO water, work gloves, handsaws and/or clippers (for the sumac). If everyone also brings one trash bag, we can all haul at least one bag of trash back with us down the trail. You may want to bring a picnic lunch as well.

Hope to see you there!



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Dates to remember:

June 2: Regional School Unit #1 Budget Town Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Bath Middle school.

June 10: State election and RSU Budget validation, 10am-8pm Arrowsic Town Hall.

June 11: Arrowsic Town Meeting, 6:30, Georgetown Central School.

Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
