

## PUBLIC SERVICE IN ARROWSIC

There is a proposal to raise the salaries of Town Officials on this year's Town Warrant. It will raise total compensation 62% and specifically the Selectmens' salaries 222%. Total Selectman compensation will rise to \$15,000.00 per year.

This proposal is wrong in so many ways that I will limit myself to two areas of disagreement.

Firstly, you can never pay Town Officials enough for what is basically a volunteer service to the rest of us. The work the Town Officials do is a public service and we always thank them effusively whether or not we agree with all their decisions.

This raise, however, changes the quality and character of service to the Town of Arrowsic. The neighbor to neighbor service we give each other becomes tainted with money. In my 9 years experience as Selectman and Treasurer helping recruit Townspeople for positions, money was never an issue and, in fact, many were surprised we paid anything. That is because they understood that what they are being asked to consider was helping to maintain and raise the quality of life for all of us.

The main day to day job of the Selectmen today is to manage the contracts we have for services to the Town. We contract out Schools, Ambulance, County services, trash, assessing and we have two jobs held by out-of-Town quality people - our Fire Chief and our Treasurer.

Secondly, Arrowsic and surrounding towns are faced with a fiscal crisis many of us have not seen in our lifetime. Whomever you blame, it is clear that less Federal and State monies from our taxes will be put back into the towns.

RSU 1 is looking at a 0 to 4% increase which will effect Arrowsic taxpayers by between \$19.50 and \$65.00 per 100,000 assessment.

Brunswick Schools have a \$3.5 million shortfall and are facing up to 64 lost jobs in addition to 38 lost last year.

Topsham has a shortfall of \$1.7 million and are looking at cutting 11 jobs. They have already used \$1.1 million of their surplus.

Bath Iron Works fluctuates a lot, but has laid off over 100 workers this year. The Brunswick Naval Air Station has now closed and we have lost over 3,000 jobs there.

In short, not only Arrowsic is shrinking(15% in twenty years, 10% alone in 10 years). The entire Midcoast Region is facing significant changes. It is certainly more valuable to us to help fund increases in the School budgets than to increase our own pay.

I hope the Selectmen see this proposal for what it is - a non-solution to a problem that doesn't really exist and either keep it off the ballot or help vote it down.

Greg Guckenburg

### ARTICLES NEEDED — TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON

The Arrow will be produced on a regular basis; arriving at your doorstep in the months of

February    May    August    November

Due dates will be posted at Town Hall Questions?

Please contact Quinn Blaiklock [peacefulquinn@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulquinn@gmail.com)

## Roadside cleanup

**Past efforts in sorting material for recycling or reuse out of the roadside trash has proven to be worthwhile. We will continue our sorting efforts this year. Household Hazardous Waste: Arrowsic will participate in the annual collection event at Bath DPW garage**

**Arrowsic roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, may 7th with a rain date of Sunday may 8. Please come to Town Hall for garbage bags and to sign up for road sections. We will also be tallying the number of volunteers.**

**Thanks for your help keeping our town clean and we hope to see you this weekend.**

**Arrowsic Conservation Commission.**



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## News from RSU 1

Education continues to be a hot topic across the State and across the Nation. Questions around how we deliver it and how we pay for it pervade the media. This has certainly been the case for RSU1.

Once again, the school budget is the hot topic for this year's annual report. Our subsidy from the State has been reduced by over \$860K, yet our expenses are up. To just conduct "business as usual" we would need to see an increase to the budget of nearly 9% which, in turn, would mean nearly a 12% increase to the local contribution. This is a result of increased fuel costs, increased transportation costs, increased health care costs and contractual increases to salaries across the district. The board feels the district cannot bear the financial burden of maintaining current programs and services, so at the time of writing this we are looking scenarios of a 0%, 2%, and 3% increase to the local contribution.

RSU1 continues to cut costs and reduce expenses, where applicable. We have seen the per pupil costs go from \$10,230/ student to \$9,691/ student – one of the lowest \$/student cost in our region. Still, we expect this number to continue to go down as state revenues fall, at the expense of important programming and staff in the district.

The board has made efforts to reach out to the community regarding the budget process. A survey was sent out in February designed to get feedback about what was important in education. Also, a committee was set up to analyze what might be done in the district to either reduce expenses or create new streams of revenue to offset the reduction in funding from the State. Known as the "Big Ideas" committee, concepts like year-round school, a four day school week, regional purchasing, grant writing and school reconfiguration were all considered. Unfortunately, none of these concepts could be implemented in time to affect this year's budget, but these conversations will continue in the future. This year RSU1 has received many grants which have allowed programs to function.

This year two of our original members of the RSU1 Board decided not to run for re-election. Charlie Durfee and Francie Tolan finished out their terms after two years of service to our RSU1 community, and many prior years on the Woolwich and Arrowsic school boards, respectively. Both were key to moving the district forward in a positive direction. Charlie will always hold the distinction of being the first Chair of the RSU1 Board, something which this community should be grateful for. We now welcome Robin Buczkowski, who ran

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## Important Dates:

**May 5** Game night at Town Hall, 6:30-8:30pm

**May 7** Roadside clean up

**May 14** Household Hazardous Waste disposal in Bath. For more info, call 443-8356 or 443-8357

**May 27** Arrowsic Writers Read, 7 p.m.

**May 31** RSU 1 Hearing and Budget Vote at Bath Middle School at 6 p .m.

**June 1** Planning Board and Selectmen's Hearing prior to Town Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**June 5** New Fire Station Open House, 2 p.m.

**June 7** RSU budget vote. Polls open at Town Hall all day from 10am-8pm.

**June 15** Annual Town Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the NEW FIRE STATION.

**June 18 OR 25 (TBA)** Scholarship fund yard sale

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unopposed in District 1 and Alan Walton, who was elected as a write in candidate to represent District 6. In order for RSU1 to be vibrant and healthy we need citizens to participate in the process. We hope to see more involvement during election time in the future.

The district is in the process of searching for a new superintendent. At the December board meeting William Shuttleworth announced his resignation for June 30, 2011 due to personal reasons. We are grateful for his 7 years of service to the district. His effort and energy have been instrumental in the formation of the first RSU in the State.

In August the board and our local teachers' union, the SEA, finally settled a unified teacher's contract after 18+ months of work. It was very time consuming but accomplished in a thoughtful manner.

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## Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Residents will once again be able to dispose of **household hazardous waste** in a responsible way this year at the **collection event in Bath on May 14, 2011**. Preregistration for this event will begin on May 1 by calling 443-8356 or 443-8357. Please visit [www.arrowsic.org](http://www.arrowsic.org) for more information, or visit the white shed at town hall to pick up a handout.

We hope that residents will join with the conservation committee to help clean up our roads at the annual **Roadside Cleanup event in May** as well. We also hope that participants will do their best to separate out recyclable and hazardous materials as they gather debris, since this is both environmentally and financially beneficial.

*We have been asked by the company who removes our waste to request that residents please limit the items in curbside recycling bins to those that are permitted. Here is a reminder of what is acceptable for single stream pickup:*

- paper (including envelopes, paperboard, etc)
- glass of any color
- plastics #1-7 (NOT including shopping bags, un-numbered plastic nor styrofoam)
- aluminum
- tin cans

A few specific recyclable materials that are not appropriate at the curb are collected at the town hall shed. These items are listed below. It is very helpful to our committee if residents follow instructions that are listed inside the shed when leaving their materials, and *please leave only materials on this list:*

- Alkaline batteries
- Rechargeable batteries
- *Portable* electronics including: cell phones, cameras, PDAs, laptops, calculators, MP3 players
- CDs/DVDs
- Clean scrap metal under 50 lbs and under 4 feet long

We thank our residents who make a continued effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

## **TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2011**

JANUARY 14* 28*	FEB. 11* 25*
MARCH 11* 25*	APRIL 8* 22*
MAY 6* 20*	JUNE 3* 10 17* 24
JULY 1* 8 15* 22 29*	AUGUST 5 12* 19 26*
SEPT. 9* 23*	OCT. 7* 21*
NOV. 4* 18*	DEC. 2* 16* 30*

\*Denotes that curbside recycling is also picked up



## **Arrowsic game night**

**Friday May 6th, 2011 6:30-8:30 pm  
Town Hall**

Join us for laughter and some stiff competition in Sequence, Apples to Apples, Bananagrams, and Carcassone. Bring your own favorite. We have tea and light snacks to share.

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

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## Preserving Arrowsic History

Individuals and groups have collected and attempted to organize material for the purpose of preserving Arrowsic history. Recently a group of seven residents came together to explore the effort needed to successfully collect, document and preserve historical documents

The group visited Peter Goodwin at the Patten Free Library to see the Arrowsic material the library has and have Peter articulate what is involved in collecting, preserving, and storing historical material. The group next visited Georgetown Historical facilities and met with Georgetown Historical Society people who explained the process that was used by them in preserving their material.

During the Georgetown meeting it became clear that to be successful in preserving historical documents one needed individuals that had the time, talent, desire and dedication to make it happen. Some of the key jobs were identified as:

- ↳ finding and receiving historical documents
- ↳ cataloging and organizing documents
- ↳ determining what is and is not historical
- ↳ determining and preparing a physical location for storing the documents.
- ↳ volunteer coordinator.

Each individual attending the Georgetown meeting, while ready to assist and contribute, agreed that to be successful in preserving our history we needed someone from the town who had the time, desire, dedication and ability to lead such an effort. Hence, this letter.

If you have the time, energy and desire to organize and lead the effort to preserve our town history please contact Larry Wilson at 443 6970 or e-mail him at [larryw551@gmail.com](mailto:larryw551@gmail.com)

## It Takes a Village

Spring is a nice time to contemplate serving your community by **volunteering for a town committee position.**

Arrowsic presently has vacancies on the **Planning Board, Road Commission and School Advisory Group.**

The work of the committees is crucial to the functioning of Arrowsic as a town. Without them, we're Georgetown. Please help keep us free!

## Registrations Reminders

Boats need their 2011 stickers; don't forget your boat trailer!



If you're new to town or have a new puppy, need dog tags within the first 30 days.

## Car and Truck Registrations

March 2011

AMES, HAROLD  
BASSETT, DEBORAH  
BLANCHARD, HAROLD  
BROOKS, MARK  
CONNER, PATRICIA  
DAVIS, NANCY  
DUNN, FLOYD  
ELWELL, KIMBERLY  
FRAHM, SHIRLEY  
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER  
HEARD, ROGER  
INNERFIELD, BARRY (2)  
JONES, JODY  
KM ROBBINS CONSTRUCTION  
KING, STANLEY  
KNOWLES, EUGENIE  
LAW, DON  
LEBRUN, JEAN  
LYDEN, DAVID  
MACMAHAN, JOSEPH  
MCDONALD, FRANKLIN  
MCGOWAN, BONNIE  
NELSON, GRAHAM  
NELSON, ROBERT  
PACKARD, PHILLIP  
PAGE, ROBERT  
PINETTE, JAMES  
SAWAN, ALFRED  
SCHLEIN, PAUL  
STARBIRD, JOHN  
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL  
SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY  
THOMAS, ROBERT  
YEATON, GUY

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Morse High School has successfully completed their New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process, and it is a credit to our staff, students and community that this went as successfully as it did. The report can be viewed at: <http://mhs.rsu1.org/>.

Morse also switched to a new schedule this year (referred to as the 4 by 4). Classes now meet everyday for one semester and then change to four new classes in the next semester. Some reasons for this new change: allow students to focus on fewer classes per semester, reduce some wasted time that was a result of study halls, and provide an opportunity for students who might be falling behind, to receive academic help within the same semester (as opposed to receiving that assistance the following year). Morse entered a student written play in the regional One Act play competition, and something the community should be proud of is the fact that Morse always encourages our students to be the play writer.

The Woolwich school project continues to move ahead on schedule. The transition from Woolwich to Huse went quite smoothly. The staff and students are getting adjusted to their new home in anticipation of the new school, which will be completed in 2012. Now that the warmer weather is here, we will see fast action on the project.

Bath Middle School students learn through expeditions, which are themed projects which engage all their subject areas, and makes learning more meaningful.

West Bath School is new to the Expeditionary Learning model, and four of the staff members presented some of their work to develop a program at West Bath School at a national conference and were very well received. For the first time, West Bath School had a team entering the state Odyssey of the Mind competition and they won first place in their division, which allows them to go to the World Finals after fundraising for their trip!

Fisher Mitchell School now is securing grant funding for a touch tank to engage students in their learning. They were borrowing the living creatures and see the need to continue this type of thrilling exposure for kids.

Dike-Newell School has a new program, through the Barbara Bush Literacy grant, to integrate literacy

for families. It is impacting multigenerations of family learners. So far it is very successful and was recently highlighted in the Times Record. Dike-Newell School also has a well integrated guidance curriculum, which is working well for the young learners. Some topics covered are: What fills your bucket? – ways to feel good about yourself and help others feel good too; respecting differences; healthy ways to deal with feelings. Phippsburg Elementary School allows interested musicians to be involved in Band starting in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The Phippsburg School band can usually be seen in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Many teachers there utilize technology in the students' learning. Accessing any of our school websites gives a view into many of our classrooms, through the links to each class or grade. Go to [www.rsu1.org](http://www.rsu1.org) and click on schools, then the particular school you are interested in exploring.

Our Bath Regional Career and Technical Center has some new programs which are working well, and hopefully students completing these programs will fill the voids in our community for their skills.

The RSU1 Adult Education program continues to grow to offer the support for adult learners, whether they are working to finish their high school diploma, or learn a new skill or hobby.

The number of students involved in athletics is high with the options of organized school teams or intramural sports.

Despite the financial challenges our district faces, our staff continues to focus on the achievement of all students in our schools. The Board goal for 2010-2011 is to increase the percentage of students who are proficient in literacy and math by 10% as measured by local assessment and/or increase the percentage of students making a year's growth in literacy and math by 10% as measured by local assessment. We are developing initiatives for the remainder of 2011 and 2012 that will continue the work of developing and reviewing curriculum, increasing the graduation rate at the high school, providing meaningful educational opportunities for all students, and improving student performance at all levels.

Sincerely,

RSU1 Board of Directors

Tim Harkins, Board Chair

Julie Rice, Vice Chair

Robin Buczkowski, David Barber, Chet Garrison,

Alan Walton, Betsy Varian



# Car and Truck Registrations

## April 2011

ARSENAULT, PAULA  
 BARNES, KUNCAN  
 BELERIDGE, RICHARD (2)  
 BLAIKLOCK, JEREMY (2)  
 BLAIKLOCK, QUINN  
 BRETT, CHRISTOPHER  
 BROWN, LOUISE  
 BRYANT, DONALD  
 CARLTON, JAMES  
 DETWILER, BRIAN  
 DRESSER, CAROL  
 DUNN, DOLORES  
 DUNN, FLOYD  
 ELWELL, BRIAN  
 ELWELL, MARY ANNE  
 ELWELL, NATHAN  
 FITZHERBERT, DAVID  
 FITZHERBERT, DAVID SR  
 GUNSTON, KENNETH  
 HILL, FREDERICK  
 JONES, JODY  
 JORGENSEN, MARK  
 JORGENSEN LANDSCAPING  
 (3)  
 KINGSBURY, RICHARD  
 KURRUS, CAROLINE  
 MAGGIED, SANDY  
 MALSCH, SAMANTHA  
 MARTIN, AMY  
 MARTIN, MICHAEL  
 MCCLEAD, SETH  
 MCLUER, JOHN  
 MORSE, DIANNA  
 MOUNT, PAMELA  
 NIELSON, WILLIAM  
 PACKARD, NANCY  
 PAULE, SUZANNE  
 PINETTE, GLORIS  
 PINETTE, JEFFREY  
 ROBBINS, KAREN  
 ROBBINSON, MATTHEW  
 RON ELWELL PLUMBING  
 ROY, SHARON  
 STEPHENSON, MARK  
 STONE, JOHN  
 STUMP, JAMES  
 SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY  
 VON BORRIES, PHILLIPE

## April 2011 continued

WARNER, JOHN III  
 WEBSTER, ENOS  
 WEISS, SANDRA  
 WEST, BARBARA  
 WILSON, ELIZABETH  
 WOOD, JOHN

## May 2011

ARSENAULT, PAULA  
 BEATON, DONALD  
 BEIMA, ANTHONY  
 BRETT, JOHN  
 BROOKS, DAVID  
 BROWN, FREDERICK  
 CARLTON, ANN  
 CAFE, BARBARA  
 CHAPIN, EDWARD  
 CHAPIN, EDWARD III  
 CUNNINGHAM, PAUL  
 CUNNINGHAM, LYNN  
 DETWILER, BRIAN  
 ELWELL, RONALD  
 ELWELL, SUSAN  
 FAVRO, PHILIP  
 GALUZA, ANDREA  
 GALUZA, JAMES  
 GEIGER, MARK  
 HANSON, JUNE  
 HEARD, SUSANNAH (2)  
 HEATH, BERKLEY  
 HEWLETT, HERBERT  
 JORGENSEN LANDSCAPING (3)  
 JORGENSEN, MARK (8)  
 KINGSBURY, RICHARD  
 LYDEN, DAVID  
 MACDONALD, FRANKLIN  
 MCGOWAN, BONNIE  
 MCLUER, JOHN  
 OLEARY, ROBERT  
 ORR, WANDA  
 PARADIS, RAYMOND  
 PERSEN, MALCOLM  
 PIERCE, AMANDA  
 RHYTHMIC CABLE  
 ROBBINS, KAREN  
 SPENCE, JAMES  
 STONE, JOHN  
 SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY  
 TARBOX, CHRISTINE  
 TSIEN, JOHN  
 ULMER, WENDY  
 WARNER, LINDA  
 WEISS, DAVID  
 WILSON, LAWRENCE  
 WISEMAN, ELIZABETH

## June 2011

AMES, HAROLD  
 ATER, ROBERT  
 BELLEVILLE, RAYMOND  
 BEVERIDGE, KATHRYN  
 BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM  
 BONIS, HOWARD  
 BONIS, SUSAN  
 BRETT, JOHN  
 BRIGGS, WALTER  
 CAPARCO, FRANK (2)  
 CAREY, LINDA  
 CATON, ROBERT  
 COLEMAN, GENE  
 DOWNS, GEORGIA  
 DUNN, FLOYD  
 ELWELL, BRIAN  
 ELWELL, FREDERICK  
 ELWELL, SONYA  
 EWING, JOSEPHINE  
 GAILLARD, MICHELE  
 GALUZA, JAMES  
 GILES, SAMUEL  
 GILLIAM, GRETCHEN  
 GUNSTON, KENNETH  
 HALL, STEVEN  
 JORGENSEN LANDSCAPING (2)  
 JORGENSEN, JENNIFER  
 JORGENSEN, MARK (2)  
 KEHL, JANET  
 KIMBALL, SUSAN  
 KREINDLER, MICHAEL  
 LEVESQUE, JACOB  
 MCLEAN, ROSAMOND  
 MILLER, ALLEN (2)  
 OLDE KENNEBEC  
 WOOD COOKERY  
 PACKARD, PHILLIP  
 PINETTE, CRAIG  
 ROSS, WILLIAM (2)  
 SAVEDOFF, WILLIAM  
 SHULTZ, ROBERT  
 SIMMONS, CONNIE  
 SOKOL, D'AMIAN  
 STOEBE, JEFFREY  
 STONE, JOHN  
 STUART, LISA  
 SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY  
 TARBOX, CASSIE  
 TOLAN, JAMES  
 WEISS, DAVID

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