

NEWS AROUND AND ABOUT ARROWSIC

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Our Town Runs on Volunteers

By Bill Savedoff

Since joining the Select Board last year, nothing has impressed me more than the amount of volunteer commitment that keeps our little town humming along. While bigger towns and cities employ people to supervise the roads, make sure the garbage is collected, and protect the environment, we rely mostly on volunteers or on people who receive rather modest compensation (if at all) for the time they spend on Town matters.

So who are these people? I don't have room to list everyone, but I will mention a few. For the roads, we can thank Jim Stump and the other members of the **Road Commission**. The relationship with the State and contractors took a lot of time last year due to the repaving of our main road. For garbage pickup, we can thank John Hinds and other members of the **Recycling/Waste Committee**. Whether supervising the people contracted to haul away our "stuff," encouraging us to separate recyclables, making it easy to drop off batteries at the Town Hall shed, or managing the handling of hazardous household waste, John and his committee are helping us to save money as well as to be responsible citizens of this beautiful blue planet. And then there's our beautiful island. Last fall, I met a surveyor working for the Coast Guard at the Range Lights. He asked me why the view down the Kennebec was so pristine. I didn't know where to start because the process began so long ago and involved so many people. I would have had to explain how Arrowsic adopted its current zoning regulations and describe all the people who helped write, adopt, and enforce them. Thanks go to all the people who abide by these rules because they understand what it means to our quality of life. Today, we can thank Phine Ewing and the **Conservation Commission** she chairs for everything they do to manage our Town's public lands and protect the habitat (along with its non-human residents). We owe special thanks also to Will Neilson, the members of the **Planning Committee**, and our Code Enforcement Officer Michael Kreindler whose work helps us use, develop and care for our properties in ways that are consistent with our common interest in a safe, quiet, and sustainable island-home.

The Town has plenty of opportunities for volunteering. So if you can make some time to share, stop by the Town Hall, talk to any of the **Select Board members** or **Town officials**. We're interested to hear what concerns you and will be happy to introduce you to your neighbors who are probably already busy working on an issue or task that you care about.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Woodcock Farm is now accepting reservations for **naturally raised pork** for fall 2013 delivery. Call the Blaiklocks at 443-3725 for more information, or email wiliamb@gwi.net

Current Events from the Solid Waste Committee

The Arrowsic Solid Waste Committee has been receiving feedback from our residents for some time about the trash and recycling habits in our town. Many of our neighbors who make an effort to minimize their trash and maximize their recycling, according to the Town ordinance, are disappointed when they see households who do not seem to try to recycle at all.

We would like to remind all of our residents that there is a solid waste ordinance and we urge everyone to comply. This means that we recycle as much as possible to minimize our trash output. This benefits the Town in lower disposal fees and, needless to say, the land fill. We would be happy to assist any homeowner to improve their practice. We hope that everyone, even those who already attempt to comply, will try to do more.

For our part, the Solid Waste Committee will get an update to you in the near future with specific recommendations for disposing of household items, either for recycling or reuse. We are available to help you manage your waste while you comply with the ordinance, and would prefer to do that than address complaints.

Please don't hesitate to contact a committee member with your questions. Thank you for doing your part!

John Hinds 751-1550
Roz McLean 386-0179
Liz Ware 522-2930
Judy Kahrl 386-1677
Damian Sokol 442-8669

Please Reduce,
Reuse, Recycle,
Repair

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 28 RSU 1 Budget Meeting, 6 pm,
Bath Middle School.

June 4 RSU 1 Budget Validation
Referendum Vote

1pm to 8 pm at Town Hall.

June 7 Game Night at Town Hall
6:30—8:30ish

June 12 Town Meeting, 6:30 at Fire Station.

June 15 Yard Sale: Details announced at
Town Meeting

TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2013

January 11	25	February 8	22
March 8	22	April 5	19
May 3	17	June (7)	14 (21) 28
July (5)	12 (19)	August (2)	9 (16) 23 (30)
() trash only-- hold your recycling for next pick up			

Recycling is mandatory!

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Roz Mclean, Liz Parker Ware, or Damian Sokol.

Select Board News

At the May 23rd Public Hearing, we will review the Planning Board's two proposed amendments to the **Zoning Ordinances**. We will also review several of the warrant articles in the upcoming Town budget including the Town donation list, salary increases, legal expenses, the Municipal Levy Limit, expenditures for a new roof for Town Hall and reserving funds for an assessing revaluation. The new annual Town Reports will not be ready for this meeting, but we will have materials available for review.

Education Review Committee

The newly formulated **Education Review Committee** is actively recruiting more members. In their own words, "We are a group invested in our children and our schools. We are looking for future parents, current parents, educators and folks interested and passionate about education for our Arrowsic children." The next meeting will be June 4 at 7:00 at the Arrowsic Fire Station. A link to committee goals and responsibilities is posted on the Arrowsic web site.

Burn Permit

The Selectmen have clarified the procedure to get a burn permit and have posted a link on the web site as well. Copies can also be obtained at the Town Hall.

Help wanted

The Selectmen are looking for someone to act as a scribe to take minutes at our meetings twice a month. Meetings start at 6 pm and usually last until about 8 pm. The stipend for this is \$20 per meeting.

Vacancies

"Our Town Runs on Volunteers" like you, so contact one of the Selectmen if you can help out.

- The Planning Board needs another alternate member.
- The Board of Appeals (ZBA) needs two more members.

Sukey Heard

New & Improved Website (www.arrowsic.org)

Arrowsic has a new and improved website with local news, contact information, and a beautiful gallery from Arrowsic photographers. You'll find the site useful because it contains an up-to-date official Town calendar (with recycling/waste pickup days); committee minutes; codes and forms; and a complete set of tax maps. Also, vehicle registration months are now updated regularly on the web site. Check it out and tell us what you think. Special thanks to Paul Kalkstein for setting up and managing the site.

And while you're at it, sign up to read Town news and to communicate with your neighbors on googlegroups by emailing news@arrowsic.org.

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Sewall Pond

Dog Policy

There is a new policy regarding dogs on Town property at Sewall Pond. **All dogs must now be on leash**. The Selectmen and the Conservation Commission reluctantly came to this policy after several unfortunate incidents last summer were reported by residents. A sign has been posted that outlines the policy. The pond is a wonderful resource for the community. Let's all enjoy it responsibly.

Wood Chips on Trail

The Conservation Commission had a trail workshop in May that worked to spread the pile of wood chips at the head of the trail along the trail in to the pond. Thanks to the crew of willing workers! There are still a lot of chips left. There is also a five-gallon bucket behind the pile. Anyone with a free hand heading down the trail is invited to fill the bucket and dump it where it is most needed.

CAR REGISTRATIONS

Still looking for your car or truck registration?
Check out the website:

<http://arrowsic.org/uploads/autos.pdf>

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