

The Arrowsic Arrow

SEEKING A NEW TOWN CLERK

Linda Warner, our Town Clerk, informed the Select Board that she is resigning in order to spend more time with family in other parts of the country. Along with the other Select Board Members, I understand Linda's decision but we also know that we'll miss her positive attitude toward the work, her personal touch, and her effectiveness at so many administrative tasks. Linda has improved the organization of Town records over the last two years and prepared a detailed "manual" of her tasks to help her successor move smoothly into the job.

So, we are looking for a new Town Clerk. This is a very important position in the Town. For most people, the Town Clerk and our Tax Collector, Liz Rollins, are the primary contact they have with our Town. The job involves preparing and maintaining Town records, supervising elections, and issuing licenses and permits. It is a social job, involving regular contact with Town residents during regular office hours, collaboration with the Town's Tax Collector and other officials, and attending Select Board meetings. The job requires initiative, judgment, and an ability to work effectively and independently with the public and other officials. Training will be provided, but skills in organization, writing, and computers and familiarity with town administration would be pluses.

If you or someone you know might make a good Arrowsic Town Clerk, please check the job description (www.arrowsic.org/uploads/clerk_job.pdf) on our Town website or pick it up at the Town Hall during office hours. Or if you prefer, call the Town Hall (443-4609) or any of the Select Board members to inquire (telephone numbers and email addresses are online at www.arrowsic.org).

Bill Savedoff

STUDENTS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL SOON!

The Education Committee sends well wishes to all the Arrowsic students and their families this academic year. Be on the look out for a fall festival date in the coming weeks.

Anita Lichman

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

The Select Board is pleased to announce that on August 10, we appointed Brian Carlton to serve as our Town's Local Emergency Management Director (LEMD) and Kathleen Mary to serve as Local Health Officer (LHO). These positions are important for promoting health and safety by planning for emergencies and addressing public health issues.

We are very fortunate to have Brian agree to serve in this position as he has extensive training and experience in public safety and graduate training in emergency management. Brian is a Patrol Deputy with the Sheriff's office, works with Central Lincoln County Ambulance as an EMT, and serves the Town as a volunteer firefighter. Brian has started working with Sagadahoc County on updating emergency management plans. He told us he's excited to utilize his training, education and experience to give back to the Town he grew up in.

We are also very fortunate to have Kathleen volunteer to be our LHO. Kathleen has extensive training as a clinical nurse specialist and scholar. She came to Arrowsic from Portland where she worked at Maine Medical Center in neonatal and pediatric intensive care. She works as a certified legal nurse consultant. She expressed to the Board how grateful she is for the opportunity to serve Arrowsic as a trusted community resource.

Both the LEMD and LHO positions were held by Pauline McLuer in recent years. Pauline stepped down in May and we're grateful to her for serving the Town in these important functions.

Bill Savedoff

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN:

Sept. 12 Arrowsic Scholarship Fund Yard Sale
Sept. 12 Internet broadband meeting for Arrowsic and Georgetown

Sept. 17 Internet Broadband Meeting at the Arrowsic town hall **6:30 pm. Please RSVP.**
Sept. 17 Bulky items pickup. Arrangements will need to be made with Rogers for a pickup time and payment.

Help your town! New positions open! Animal Control Officer, Solid Waste And Recycling Committee member, Town Clerk

HAPPIER CLAMS IN ARROWSIC

Early Wednesday morning, August 19th, we welcomed 14,000 new baby clams to Arrowsic. The clams are small, each about the size of a fingernail, and they are comfortably situated under two nets at North Squirrel Point, which is around the corner from the lighthouse, reachable by land with hip waders or (more easily, and with less poison ivy) by water. For a town of only 500 people, we made a pretty large fanfare for the common clam. Spencer Knowles, Ren, Stella and Camille Kauffunger, Hazel Bachman, and Charli and Doug Ware as well as Arrowsic Clammer Mike Freeman (who lives in Georgetown), Clam Warden Jon Hentz, Ruth Indrick of KELT, and three members of the Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Committee (ASCC) Bill Blaiklock, Paul Burgess, and Lisa Margonelli got to the clam flats well before low tide at 9 am. While the older folks dug the trenches for the nets, the younger ones scattered the clams and welcomed them with shrieks of delight.

Transplanting the clams is one way the ASCC hopes to make Arrowsic's clams a little happier. Arrowsic has three clam flats: two on Squirrel Point and one at Crow Island. Over the last 16 years, the ASCC has surveyed these flats, but the numbers of clams we find there have been falling. That's part of a long-term trend in Maine: Clammers harvested 40 million pounds of clams in 1974, but only 10 million in 2014. (And prices are up over \$150 a bushel, so lack of willing clammers is not the issue.) We know that green crabs are part of the reason the clams are disappearing; but other culprits may include increasingly acidic sea water, increasing water temperatures, or diseases. Of our clam flats, North Squirrel has the fewest clams, and hardly any clammers go there to dig.

This year the ASCC decided to try to rehabilitate North Squirrel Flat by seeding two plots with baby clams and covering those clams--and some control plots--with nets. The nets may serve to keep green crabs and other predators away from the clams, or they may concentrate food or clams. This is a method of flat restoration that has been pioneered and tested by other coastal communities working with Dr. Brian Beal of the Downeast Institute. (You can read about the projects at <http://downeastinstitute.org/2014-field-trials.htm>). Their results have been interesting. In two plots just 2000 feet apart, one net contained 122% of the clams they put out (that's not a typo) while another had just 1.69% of them (also not a typo.)

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PROPERLY DISPOSE OF SEPTIC WASTE AND GET A REBATE!

In order to help residents maintain their septic systems and make sure that septic waste is properly disposed, Arrowsic reimburses you when your system is maintained and pumped by a legitimate local hauler for the portion of the bill associated with waste disposal.

Until recently, some haulers charged residents for septic disposal fees while others billed the Town. Beginning this month, the Select Board is asking residents to follow a single policy. In order to receive reimbursement, residents will pay the hauler when the system is pumped and then provide a copy of the paid bill and a completed reimbursement request form to the Town. The blank form will be posted on the Town's website and be available at Town Hall.

In case you're curious, the Town spent \$1,467 in reimbursing septic waste disposal fees last year.

Bill Savedoff

2015 BULKY ITEMS PICKUP

RC Rogers will be picking up any large items that you may have needing disposal on **Thursday, September 17**. Arrangements will need to be made with Rogers for a pickup time and payment. Details on the pickup can be found on the town website at: http://arrowsic.org/uploads/bulky_pickup.pdf.

Free Pesticide Disposal

This October, the state will be collecting unused and banned pesticides free of charge. Preregistration is required, and there will be four dropoff locations around the state: Augusta, Portland, Bangor, and Presque Isle. If you have pesticides now that you'd rather not hold onto until the town's May 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, this is another alternative. It's also worth noting that, unlike Arrowsic's HHW collection, which is paid for by the town (through our taxes), there is no cost to anyone for the state collection. All collection and disposal costs are fully funded by pesticide product registration fees. Details can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/dact/php/pesticides/public/obsolete_pesticide_collection.shtml

Paul Schlein

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the recycling and composting survey last winter. Out of about 170 e-mails sent out, 104 responded—this was an excellent response rate.

Of those who responded to the survey:

Under Recycling

100% said they recycle.

90% recycle as much as possible.

71% recycle additional items outside of town (an extra gold star to those households!).

About 8% were not familiar with Arrowsic recycling guidelines; the new recycling brochure (<http://arrowsic.org/recycle/recycling-brochure1-15.pdf>) should inform these individuals.

14% did not know that recycling is mandatory in Arrowsic.

Only about 50% knew what our trash/recycling tipping fees are (also in new brochure).

Generally, these are excellent results, but it should be noted that these 104 respondents account for only about half of the town's households.

Under Composting

75% of respondents said they compost, even some without a garden. That's excellent, but 25% said they don't compost, and that's only of the 104 who took the survey.

With 43% of our trash being compostable, this is likely where the Committee will focus its time and energy over the next year. If we were able to compost 43% of our waste over the last year, that would have saved the town more than \$5,000. More to come on this.

If you have any questions about the survey results, or anything related to our town's solid waste and recycling program, please contact committee chair Paul Schlein, pschlein@gmail.com, 443-3209.

Thank you.

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

On our town website, arrowsic.org, you can find out what the Select Board has been up to, what the town weather will be like, how to get a free burn permit, when to register your vehicles, and lots of other useful information. If there is something you would like to see on our website, please make sure it is not already there, and then email news@arrowsic.org and I will try to get it online for you.

Paul Kalkstein, Webmaster

ARROWSIC SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

This venerable committee is in need of new members interested in helping with the necessary work and in developing strategies and charting the Town's course for resource and materials management.

Should you be interested, please contact Paul Schlein, pschlein@gmail.com, 443-3209.

Retreat

SeaLedge Cottage, Arrowsic, Maine

Go back
to the silent night
and the sea-lapped land,
to the soft mossy paths
near the Kennebec,
with only the *shush* of pines above
for company
like a breathy whisper
saying "Here, just now,"
with the ever-rising river coming in,
morning clouds above
carrying away our pedestrian cares.
Come back
and listen
for what you thought was not there
and be sated
with the simple grace
of heron's flight,
of baby eagles' practicing
with wings at the height
of island trees,
perched and ready
for their days to change,
in ways small as the ripples on rock,
big as the constant river flows,
come what may.
Come back and listen
to the bushes twitter in the breeze,
the sprinkle of rain on cedars,
the quiet contentment
on this fern-filled rise.
Come back
and bring
the outside
in.

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ARROWSIC ACCOLADES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Arrowsic Accolades is a new initiative by the Education Committee to celebrate the educational successes of town members. We want to highlight what is important to you, and build on those things, as we represent and plan for the Town's educational needs. To share your good news (i.e. graduations, promotions, moving up a reading level, completing a recent band performance etc.) and have it published in the Arrow newsletter please email camillekauffunger@gmail.com.

FALL ARROW ACCOLADE SUBMISSION:

Charlie Bachman & Jacob Lichman - Paul are two Arrowsic students entering Pre-K at Woolwich Central School this Fall, class of 2030! The boys will be participating in the CHOICES program, a full funded program of RSU1 granting children 4 years of age access to a quality preschool education.



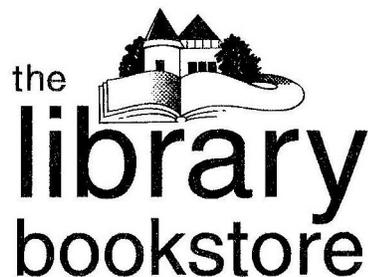
Anita Lichman

FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

We were pleased to be able to premier the Cool Little Culvert video at town meeting in June. For those who were unable to attend town meeting, or those who would like to see the video again (or show it to a friend), it can be seen at:

<http://kennebecestuary.org/the-cool-little-culvert>

Phine Ewing



recycling the community's
gently used books, DVDs, CDs
to benefit Patten Free Library

Monday – Saturday, 10-4 pm
194 Front Street Bath, ME
443-1161

ON THE ROADS AGAIN

The paving of Old Stage Road went well and looks good. Thanks to Crooker for a good job. Also many thanks to Dick Elwell for gravel shimming the sides. Well done.

Those who travel Old Stage Road will soon notice that the crack filling will be touched up soon, perhaps before you read this, BS Paving will return for warranty work in this regard.

And we will be replacing road signs over the next few weeks. Although the sign currently at the front of Bald Head Road has some real character, that is one we will be replacing.

Jim Stump

ARTICLES NEEDED — TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON

The Arrow will be produced on a regular basis; arriving in your inbox or in your mailbox in the months of

February May August November

Due dates will be posted at Town Hall
Questions?

Please contact Quinn Blaiklock peacefulquinn@gmail.com

TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting **Friday, September 4**, the Town will return to a biweekly trash and recycling schedule. Following this Friday's pickup, the next collection day will be **Friday, September 18**. Both trash and recycling will be picked up on the same day, every other week, through the end of May 2016.

For the schedule showing the remainder of 2015, go to: http://arrowsic.org/recycle/recycle_schedule.pdf

Trash pickup and recycling days are also marked on the Arrowsic Town Calendar.

The 2016 schedule will be posted in December.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Schlein, pschlein@gmail.com, 443-3209.

COMPUTER HELP FOR FREE

Do you look skyward and throw up your hands when thinking about computers, tablets, and smartphones? Do you think a bar code is a list of umbrella drinks? Would you like some guidance through the cyber jungle? Or, on the other hand, do you have computing knowledge to share? If there is interest, there will be some simple presentations and free consulting advice offered on Saturday mornings this fall in the Town Hall. Some possible subjects:

- Choosing a computer
- Getting online
- Browser choices and tricks
- Virus and malware protection
- Printers and peripherals
- What to do when the machine won't work
- Email choices and options
- Tablet information
- E-readers
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Microsoft Word and free equivalents
- Microsoft Excel
- Owning a website

If you would like to receive, or to offer, some computer help, please sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/arrowsic-comp-help>

- Paul Kalkstein, Arrowsic Webmaster

ARROWSIC SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE 2015 TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

January–May; September–December

Biweekly schedule for everything; Friday pickup*

June–August

Weekly trash pickup; biweekly recycling; Friday pickup

SEPTEMBER	4R		18R		
OCTOBER	2R		16R		30R
NOVEMBER		13R		27R	
DECEMBER		11R		*24R	

RRecycling, as well as Trash pickup

*Pickup Thursday, due to Christmas holiday

Questions? Contact: Paul Schlein,
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INTERNET BROADBAND MEETING

Does your internet have the slows? Then mark your calendar. A kickoff meeting to upgrade broadband service in Arrowsic and Georgetown will take place in the Arrowsic town hall on **September 17 at 6:30 pm**. Our connected communities are bound by a common destiny when it comes to internet access. New technologies and the momentum for change are growing in Maine. We will discuss solution planning options, seek volunteers, and get organized for action.

To help us gauge turnout please RSVP to the Facebook event at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/849794148468274/>

or to Mark Aukeman at mark@inthemaine.com.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND YARD SALE!

The umpteenth Arrowsic Scholarship Fund Yard Sale will be held on the 12th of September
9:00am—12 noon

Donated items can be dropped off starting at 7am the morning of the sale. For other arrangements contact Jeremy at 232-0055

.....*Happier Clams, Continued from page 2*

Happy clams seem to recruit their wild cousins, but why one plot is so much better than another is a mystery. Georgetown's Heal Eddy has an ambitious project with many nets and a multi-year plan to grow clams to harvesting size.

To come up with the plan, the ASCC worked closely with Pete Thayer of the Department of Marine Resources, Ruth Indrick of KELT—which also supplied netting, floats, and lent hip waders and clam forks, and Clam Warden John Hentz. We got the clams from the Down East Institute, which runs a clam hatchery in Beals, as well as an upweller--where clam spat hang out in barrels and eat a lot of plankton--at South Freeport's municipal wharf. (The cost of the clam seed for our project was \$294.) We are crossing our fingers that the clams prosper in their new home.

North Squirrel flats are closed to digging with an official conservation closure. The ASCC will be maintaining the nets in the fall and the spring. If you have a boat and would like to help with maintenance, please let us know and we'll give you a tour and deputize you to watch the nets with the ASCC. If you happen to be out on the flats and you see the net flapping in the water or the breeze, please tuck it back into the muck. One way to help the clams is to get a recreational clam license (\$10 from town hall) and go out and turn over some of our excellent mud. If you or your family would like to join in the festivities next year, please let ASCC members know and we will organize a much grander work party.

Lisa Margonelli



Editor's note—we regret that the Arrow did not get distributed in time for this event.

**LOCAL PHIPPSBURG NATURALIST TO SPEAK AT
PLT ANNUAL MEETING**

Contact: Barbara Knuckles, Board Member
Phippsburg Land Trust
207-389-2003, bmknuckles@gmail.com

PHIPPSBURG- The Phippsburg Land Trust (PLT) invites the public to attend its Annual Meeting on Thursday August 20th at 6:30 PM at Sebasco Harbor Resort. Doors open at 6:00 for a social time. This event is free.

President Brenda Cummings will preside and give the Annual Report. Board Members will be introduced and one new member Lynda Ada Doughty will be elected. Outgoing Board Member Becky Halbrook will be recognized for her years of service.

The program will be a presentation by Phippsburg Naturalist Robin Robinson. Robin is a photographer from Maine specializing in nature photography. As a writer, birder and gardener, Robin's mind is always on the natural world, even when under a roof. You can read informative, original essays illustrated by the artist's photographs at <http://robins-chaos.blogspot.com>. Most of Robin's images are photographed in the wild and in Maine. For our Annual Meeting Program, she will describe Phippsburg's amazing diversity of flora and fauna, using beautiful photographs and illustrations. There will be time for questions and answers following the presentation.

For more information please contact Barbara Knuckles at 207-389-2003 or visit our website at www.phippsburglandtrust.org.

The Phippsburg Land Trust is a membership-supported organization dedicated to protecting special wild and natural places in the town of Phippsburg. It holds conservation easements on private land and maintains eight preserves with trails open to the public.

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