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

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

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

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
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/dacf/php/pesticides/public/obsolete_pesticide_collection.shtml

Paul Schlein

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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.**

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**Solid Waste and Recycling Committee**

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**LIBRARY BOOKSTORE**

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
**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](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.

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*Recycling, as well as Trash pickup

*Pickup Thursday, due to Christmas holiday

**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

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**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-comphelp](http://tinyurl.com/arrowsic-comphelp)

- Paul Kalkstein, Arrowsic Webmaster

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/events/849794148468274/) or to Mark Aukeman at mark@inthemaine.com.
……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