## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION Oct. 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins, Phine Ewing

MINUTES of the September meeting were not available.

There being no quorum, we abandoned the formal agenda and minute-taking, and had a free-form discussion for about an hour. Karen gave a quick recap of the September meeting, although official minutes will be available later. We glanced at water quality results from this past summer compared to the summer before, and received an update on the status of the culvert project. No official business was conducted.

We left at about 8:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

The annual November field trip convened at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the driveway into the Nature Conservancy's Mill Pond Preserve. The weather was chilly but improved during the trip. Twenty people joined the walk, including two Conservation Commission members. We began with a look at two aerial photographs, one from 1954, the other current, showing human use changes over time. Sukey and Roger Heard graciously lead the field trip, taking us across the bridge and leaving the track at the east side of the marsh, to continue east through the woods to the Back River. From there we travelled north along the shore to TNC's new acquisition, the quarter acre house lot at the tip of the point, from which the house and all outbuildings have been removed within the last six months. We inspected two old wells on the way out, and stopped at the old Spencer graveyard at the edge of a stone wall on the way back. The walk was a great success.

**Phine Ewing**