

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 17, 2018

Present: Phine Ewing (chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Paul Schlein, Clarke Cooper, Susan Fenn, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM
2. The minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Water quality schedule is: July 31- Susan and Karen, August 4- Phine and Karen, they will also do plant patrol. Today Phine and Karen went out with Doug Suitor of DEP; the DO profile was typical of Sewall Pond. Both meters recorded similar readings. Both Secchi disks hit bottom at 2.81 m. HETL has send the lab results for the June 19th sampling. Total phosphorus was 26 ppb, Chlorophyll at the surface and at 2m was 0.007 mg/L. Phine will ask that this month's bill be paid from the Alewife Fund.
4. Litter and Beaver Patrol Schedule: July 21st-Susan, July 27th-Paul, August 4th -Phine, August 11th-Clarke, August 18th-Paul.
5. John Wood has offered to survey the Conservation Area boundaries at no cost to the town. Phine will accept the generous offer for the Conservation Commission.
6. Clarke summarized the Tick Control meeting held in Georgetown July 16th. The meeting focused on various deer herd control methods such as increasing the number of "Any2" permits issued, how to avoid human/tick contact and the pesticide impregnated salt lick. Noreen reported that Islesboro did a controlled burn of the island in April.
7. Conservation Commission Consortium: Paul connected with Maryann Nahf. She expressed willingness to share what Harpswell has learned and asked that we meet in the fall instead of August. Paul will confirm that the October meeting would work for her schedule and once that is confirmed we will let the other towns know about the meeting.
8. Phine spoke to Sukey regarding the Elwell Enterprise application and learned that the Select Board is waiting for a formal proposal from Brian.
9. The damaged trees overhanging the town hall will be dealt with once the restoration work on the building is completed.
10. The Conservation Commission will continue to circulate copies of the Comprehensive Plan among members. Now that some members have read the Plan a preliminary discussion was had.
11. Other: Paul will ask Michael Kreindler where the pump handle is.
12. Natures Notes: Lightening bugs have been seen recently at Susan's and Phine's. A discussion of lightening bugs vs. fireflies ensued. Mushrooms are starting to erupt. Clarke has noted many gypsy moth larvae dead from fungus infection. After years of hearing the early morning calls of a scarlet tanager, he recently saw it up close.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM
14. The next meeting will be August 21 at 5PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary

