

ARSWC 7/17/17 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jon Biehler, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Ros Arienti

- ***Congratulations to Jon on his retirement and a full-time welcome to Arrowsic and the ARSWC***

- **May 15 meeting minutes - approved**

- **Approved schedule for reappointment of members:**

Three year 2017 - Bill, Roz and John H

Two year 2017 - Ros and Paul

One year 2017 - Katie and Jon B

- **Committee Elections**

Elections tabled until we can get input from the whole committee. Positions to include: Chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. There was discussion of having a back-up person for several positions.

- **Bulky Items Pickup date(s) and Town Notice**

August 24th proposed date.

*Katie will check with Craig to see if that works for him. Katie will edit notice for this event.

- **Town Meeting Recap**

Informal straw poll - $\frac{2}{3}$ of participants supported going back to bi-weekly trash pick-up year round. However, one individual suggested that we continue weekly for July and August. After a lengthy discussion, ASWRC voted in favor of only going weekly for those two months.

- **Recycling percentage—Just FYI**

Zero Sort Recycling alone is 35% (65 tons/122 tons trash). With Paul's rough calculations using the DEP formula, including 1 ton from the Recycling Shed and 31 tons for town composting (based on a middle range figure from the recycling/composting survey), the percentage increases to about 44%.

- **New RC Rogers contract, Casella contract update**

Casella/Pine Tree contract, minor change for trash, none for recycling; contract expires 6/30/18.

No changes at all for RC Rogers, but contract has expired as of 6/30/17, so need to renew it.

*Katie will contact RC Rogers for new contract

- **Arrowsic Arrow article**

No ideas at the time. Members should spend some time thinking and share ideas with committee.

- **Backup person for Roz, who will be traveling more**

This was discussed in committee elections which was tabled until next meeting.

- **Discussion/Updates of projects under consideration**

Website - Members should review and provide positive feedback and suggestions for improvements.

Recycling brochure update - will format legal size four fold brochure. Need to spend some time contacting sites to be sure they are still accepting the specific items. Ros provide committee a working list to the committee, so we can divide and conquer this list. Also include other ideas.

Some questions arose - Should we wait until closer to print time so we are more accurate? Do we want to amend and print once a year? Should we include recycling/trash pick-up calendar - it would have to be a June to May calendar.

Repair Cafe - Fix -It Workshop

Mission is to reduce landfill waste through repair, remaking and recycling is becoming more important. At Fix-it workshops, volunteers help other community members fix not-functioning belongings.

- Date - suggesting late winter/early spring
- Send out town notice to see there is any interest in community members to volunteer to help their neighbors
- Need to cultivate core of fixers with volunteer interest form (Ros has a draft format)
- Questions arose about liability concerns. Do we need waivers?
- Location of workshop? At town hall? Fire station? Volunteer's house? Community members home?

- **Damian's composter**

Damian wants to donate a high-end composter they don't use anymore, worth about \$600.

This item tabled until next meeting.

- **Final HHW cost?**

Do we have a bill yet and were we charged for paint? No

- **Shed update**

People are putting inappropriate things in there - sweaters and fireworks! Bill found used fireworks in the shed! It recycling shed not a trash station.

Lots of batteries. Need to be separated and boxed correctly to be sent off.

*Jon B and Bill have volunteered to come down to work on the shed. However, they will need guidance from John H.

- **Other items?**

- *Recycling education activity at Fall Fest - Ros and Katie

- **Next meeting date**

- August 21st - noted in calendar at town hall.**

Respectfully submitted.

Katie Smith