

Arrowsic Conservation Commission
Minutes for August 15, 2011

Present: Nancy Sferra, Karen Robbins, Phine Ewing, Ralph Pope, Milly Stafford, Noreen Blaiklock

Minutes for July were read and accepted as read.

Beach seining on August 9 resulted in the capture of 92 sunfish and a 6 to 9 inch eel, but no alewives. The next sessions will be August 23 and September 6 at 9 am.

Pond pickup - Ralph will do the weekend of August 20; Milly will do the 27th of August; Phine will do Labor Day weekend. Milly will do September 10.

Water quality monitoring - Noreen and Karen are on for August 16th; Phine will do August 30th (with Ralph as backup); and Ralph will do September the 13th.

There is a bike path meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 7 pm.

We will reschedule chip spreading at the Conservation Area on August 22 at 5 pm with rain date on August 23. Ralph will bring his tractor if it isn't wet. Karen's crew put in three water bars on the trail and we will use our chip fund to pay Karen's crew for their work.

Karen asked Milly if she remembers an oil spill that impacted Sewall Pond. Jeff Pinette said his father remember an oil truck incident involving a company called Clappison. Milly will dig around in the town records and check the library for records from the newspaper. Jeff thinks it happened just after the culvert went in. Jeff's father was frustrated about the culvert replacing the bridge that was there because the fishing got worse; on top of that he was frustrated about the oil spill. He also remembers the fishermen lining up in their pickup trucks to get the alewives out of the stream prior to the culvert. The last known harvest yield prior to closing was 50 to 55 bushels which is around 5000 fish. Mike Brown at DMR is currently doing our scale samples.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sferra