

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 15, 2014

**YARDSCAPING** The conservation commission sponsored a presentation on Yardscaping by Gary Fish, from the Maine Board of Pesticide Control. Twenty nine people attended the talk.

Three important points from the talk were first, to pick plants that grow easily in this area and don't require a lot of special care; native plants fit this bill. Also, rely on a variety of plants rather than a heavy concentration of any one plant. Second, check labels of all garden supplies carefully, because pesticides are often incorporated into products that the buyer would not expect to find them in (such as in many mulches, composts, or "three-in-one seeds" (seeds plus fertilizer plus pesticides). Finally, check the State's yardscaping website at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/yardscaping/index.htm>

There are many helpful links on this site, including one to help identify garden pests and what to do about them; a link to nurseries in this state that sell native plants; a link to University of Maine cooperative extension information, and much more.

After the presentation, the conservation commission formally convened at about 8:00 p.m., with Karen Robbins, Mildred Stafford, Nancy Sferra, Ralph Pope, and Phine Ewing present.

**ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP** Confirmed for May 3, 9:30 a.m. Milly will direct from town hall. A few more bags might be needed to add to the town hall stash.

### WATER QUALITY TESTING

May 6 Ralph and Karen

May 20 Phine and Karen

**EASEMENTS** Karen reported that the easement language for the culvert project has been approved by Elliot Field. Easements will go out to landowners.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phine Ewing