

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – JULY 15, 2014

Present: Phine Ewing (chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Mildred Stafford, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM
2. The minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.
3. The Commission discussed Nancy's resignation and suggested replacement – Clarke Cooper. Clarke is an alewife monitor, has helped Jack at the Holt Forest, will be returning to grad school for forestry this fall and expressed a willingness to serve to the ACC. We agreed that Clarke would be a good addition to the Commission and Phine will make the recommendation to the Select Board. We also discussed Emma Brown-Root as a good candidate. While we don't know if she would be willing to serve, Phine will also give her name to the Select Board.
4. Karen summarized the state of the fish pass culvert project. Jack Witham (KELT) and Karen (ACC) meet with Mrs Mary Ann MacKenzie, her daughter Kaitlin and son-in-law Noah June 24, 2014. After a site visit and discussion the easement language was modified to address Mrs MacKenzie's concerns. She signed the easement June 27, 2014. At this point all the easements and easement plan have been filed at the Sagadahoc Registry. Four bids were received and are being reviewed before the final decision is made and contract awarded. The bidders were Prock Marine, Hagar Enterprises, Ray Labbe and Sons, Harry Crooker and Sons. The proposals ranged from \$134,000 to \$195,000.
5. Sewall Pond water testing was reviewed. The total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a results were similar to years past. Since the Sawyer Lab is closed we will be using HETL (Health and Environmental Testing Lab) in Augusta. Their protocols and invoicing are a bit different then the Sawyer Lab and we are working on improved communications with them.
6. The water quality and clean-up schedule were set for the next month. Water quality: July 29 – Noreen and Karen, August 12 – Phine and Karen. Sewall Pond clean-up: July 19th +/- – Phine, July 26th – Millie, Aug 2nd - Millie, Aug 9th – Phine, Aug 16th – Ralph (Phine will let him know and Millie will fill in as necessary).
7. On the topic of pesticides: Paul Schein sent the Commission an article about the Ogunquit Pesticide Ordinance that passed and was subsequently nulled and voided because it was not reviewed by the Maine DEP Pesticide Review Board. The commission does not anticipate crafting an ordinance at this time and will continue with pesticide education and outreach to Arrowsic residents.
8. After a brief review of the state of various vegetable gardens in Arrowsic the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM
9. The next meeting will be August 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins,
Acting Secretary