

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 16, 2014

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. The minutes of the October 21, 2014 were accepted as amended.
3. The November 9 field trip to Judy Kahrl's property was attended by 14 people. The floating bog and its ecology were discussed and two of the three foundations on the property were visited.
4. The Select Board has asked for past committee minutes for the Town of Arrowsic web site future minutes will be posted there.
5. Phine received the Sewall Pond water quality results for this season: "No" E. coli was found, chlorophyll a was consistent and total phosphorus was stable. Karen will begin the zooplankton remuneration next Monday using the equipment at the Wilson/Willis lab at U Gorham.
6. Ralph and Karen measured to the fishing point and a letter was written to Jason Sieders (IF W) requesting that the "no fishing" distance be relaxed to 80 feet from the fish ladder culv entrance. Jason has acknowledged the letter.
7. Karen spoke with KELT and they are willing to pay half of the projected \$6,140 cost to procure "The Coolest Culvert in the Midcoast". The remaining will come from the Designated Alewife Account.
8. The Recycling Committee suggested April 25, 2015 for the annual roadside cleanup and the Conservation Commission agreed.
9. The Commission discussed public access to Sewall Pond in light of our understanding of IF W's definition of "equitable access".
10. As the culvert installation of the Alewife Restoration Project winds down, the committee identified future needs for the funds such as but not limited to, trap redesign and maintenance, data analysis, maintaining the control plate, and outreach.
11. The committee discussed possible projects and tasks for the coming year(s). The committee reviewed the 1989 Comprehension Plan for action items the committee was assigned and members shared their additional ideas. The list includes recreational trails, water resource water access, inventory of flora and fauna, pesticides, energy resources, town owned "Phinney property". The list was generated in a brainstorming fashion and no action was taken; the committee will continue to think about it.
12. The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be January 20, 2015 at 7 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins
Acting Secretary

