

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 16, 2015

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Paul Schein, Mildred Stafford, Ralph Pope, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the May 19, 2015 were accepted as amended.
3. The results of from the spring alewife monitoring season were discussed. It was noted that the numbers of fish were similar to years past. The control plate will be modified to accommodate the low flow attraction pattern. In the current configuration fish were “banging their heads” on the plate. The results from the May 21<sup>st</sup> water quality monitoring were reported. Total phosphorus was 22 ppb and chlorophyll a were .0058 mg/L and .0064 mg/L. HETL didn’t identify which chlorophyll sample was the surface or 2m grab. The commission will check to see if there are other labs that may be able to do the analysis for us.
4. The condition of the trail to Sewall Pond within the Conservation Area needs new water bars, tree removal, and additional mulch. A work session was scheduled for June 29 at 4PM. People will meet at the trailhead and Phine was publish an “invitation to help” to residents on Google group etc.
5. The Commission’s article for tomorrow’s Annual Town Meeting was discussed.
6. Phine reported that Sukey hasn’t heard anything more regarding the Eichler/Ross request. It was noted that the river is undercutting the banking quite significantly and the Commission asks: should the Town consider installing rip rap and which department would be responsible?
7. There has been no communication regarding the Coastal Stewardship Publication Project. The grant recipients are expected to be announced the end of June.
8. Water quality monitoring schedule: Karen and Phine June 30<sup>th</sup>, Karen and Ralph July 14<sup>th</sup>. Karen will reach out to Scott Williams of VLMP to invite him to participate in July in order to understand Sewall Pond’s water quality characteristics.
9. Sewall Pond clean up schedule was set. June 20/21 – Phine, June 27/28- Clarke, July 4/5-Millie, July 11/12 – Millie, July 18/19 – Ralph.
10. Natures Notes: Millie has noticed the absence of Cliff swallows this year. This is very thought provoking as she has seen as many as 28 in years past. Noreen described observing a very young (baby) male humming bird flying and eating and interacting with an adult female, presumably its mother. Paul found a cluster of Calla lilies near a drainage culvert on Whitmore’s Landing Rd.
11. Meeting hours were discussed and it was decided to meet at 5PM. Phine will amend the public notification notices.
12. The next meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup> at **5PM** at the Arrowsic Town Hall.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary