

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 16, 2014

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.
2. The Commission had a discussion with Doug Kulis, IF & W Game Warden, regarding the placement of Brook trout in Sewall Pond last winter. Jason Seiders, Region 2 Fish Biologist was unable to attend. The Commission summarized the previous discussion that took place among the stakeholders during the July meeting. Doug stated that IF & W considers the stocking a success because of the increased recreational use by fisherman and their families. He noted that the winning fish for the Phippsburg Derby came out of Sewall Pond. Commission members noted that beach seining hasn't caught as many numbers of warm water fish as in years past; that isn't unexpected because of the increased ice fishing pressure. Doug is working with Mrs. MacKenzie to post her property and he will be enforcing the "no trespassing" per her request. Doug can issue citations for littering and will be more attentive to littering behavior in the coming seasons. Doug will talk to Jason about the idea of not stocking with trophy fish and whether additional fish could be stocked in Nequasset Lake, Woolwich or Charles Pond, Georgetown to relieve some of the fishing pressure on Sewall Pond. The Conservation Commission will talk to the Road Commission about winging back the shoulders adjacent to Sewall Pond after each storm event. Phine will draft a summary letter of the discussion for Jason Seiders identifying the ideas and action items generated.
3. The minutes for the August 19, 2016 meeting were accepted as written.
4. Phine is on the waiting list for the NOAA Resilient Communities workshop.
5. Litter patrol is done for the season and the last water quality schedule was set. Karen and Ralph September 23, Karen and Phine October 7 finally Karen and Ralph October 21 weather permitting.
6. Discussion about the November field trip included many possibilities. Phine will talk to Judy Karhl about her property on the Baldhead Rd. Members will continue to think of interesting sites and a final decision will be made at the October meeting.
7. Paul Schein presented the Recycling Committee's response to the Commission's letter regarding road side clean-up. It was agreed the two committees will co-ordinate the date of road side pickup with the Conservation Commission managing the pickup and delivery to the town hall and the Recycling Committee managing the sorting and cleaning of the picked up debris.
8. Paul Schein noted that national Coastal Clean Up Day is up coming.
9. Karen summarized the state of the culvert project. The culvert is casted. Charlie Hudson, who has been hired to produce a documentary entitled "The Coolest Culvert in the Midcoast", has been videotaping the process at Precast Concrete. HC Crooker and Sons have negotiated permission to close the main road for three days and one night September 23-25 weather permitting. Crooker expects to have the culvert installed within that window with paving, rip rap, guard rail and clean up completed the following week.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting is October 21, 2014 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary