

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

November 17, 2015

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.
2. The minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.
3. Paul e-mailed the Road Commission and Arrowsic's Emergency Management representative about the Georgetown Climate Change Working Group. He didn't receive any acknowledgement and will follow up. The group has had at least one meeting and Paul doesn't know if Arrowsic was represented at that meeting.
4. Phine connected with Jeremy about the "Dogs must be Leashed" sign.
5. The Stewardship Guide project was fully funded by Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. MOHF money comes from the designated lottery scratch ticket – Moose Moolah. Karen reported receiving the contract and will be meeting with the Select Board to have it signed. The Commission decided that it wants its 4 unique content pages to illustrate the "big picture" connections and the "right size" of human residents in the local environment. Phine will draft a page featuring Sewall Pond, Phine and Ralph will draft two pages including a map of conserved Arrowsic lands and the three bounding rivers. Noreen will draft a connections page with the help of Milly and Karen. Images were discussed and lighthouses, Baldhead, Sewall Pond and the three rivers were mentioned as good subject matter. Images should be 300 dpi or better. The Commission also determined that we would like 500 copies printed of Arrowsic's booklet. Per the discussion at the Stewardship workshop, the ACC revisited the idea of helping Georgetown, specifically Ruth, with the pest content area. The Commission strongly encourages Ruth to ask for help from other Georgetown committee members and the ACC won't get involved at this point. Karen will revisit the conversation with Ruth after tomorrow night's KELT presentation.
6. Phine gave an update on the regional solar initiatives. Currently, Coastal Economic Development has issued a RFP to solar energy installers. Once the partner installer is chosen they will reach out to area residents with information about the program.
7. Nature's Notes: Ralph brought some "Irish Moss" to share, he used almond for this recipe. He has used or heard of peanut, coconut etc. being used. He is using rehydrated Irish moss, the seaweed, to make the base of the drink. He reports that it very gelatinous to make the base. Millie has a very friendly Great Blue Heron coming around her house. Noreen observe quite a bit of an invasive marine bryozoan *Membranipora membranacea* when last visiting Reid State Park to collect seaweed.
8. The next meeting will be December 15, 2015 at 5PM.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary