

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 18, 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 5:00 PM.
2. After carpooling to Preble Point Rd, the Commission conducted a site visit of the town owned property at the end of the road in order to determine its usefulness as a water access point for the town. Paul had a copy of the tax map adjacent properties and the survey pin in the ledge on the east side of the road was located. It was noted that the bank directly off the end of the traveled way is very bluff and somewhat eroded. It might be possible to set a ramp and float from this location although the height above the water will result in a very long ramp. The thin strip of ledge adjacent to the traveled way may be useful as a put in point for hand carry boats. Karen reminded the Commission that when this site was considered in 2009, Stantec Inc had given a verbal order of magnitude estimate to construct a hand carry ramp with a series of steps. At that time the permitting and engineering alone would be approximately \$30,000. The actual installation could be done with volunteer efforts and material donation. The idea of a ramp and float was also discussed. It was decided that the flatness of the low tide zone and the need to cross over the strip of ledge owned by the abutter made that approach impractical. The commission then considered parking needs and impact on the neighborhood. It seems that just south of the Eichler/Ross property two parallel parking spots could be carved out from the west side of the road. It was also noted that there are two parking spots directly in front of the entrance to the Eichler/Ross house. It was noted that there is new lawn and landscaping on the town property. The Commission assumed that is a result of necessary repairs because of damage done in doing the work on the Eichler/Ross property. The Commission returned to the Town Hall to continue the meeting.
3. The minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
4. The Arrowsic Arrow deadline is tonight and Phine will send a brief note to Quinn letting Town residents know about the "Coolest Culvert Video". She will reference the KELT web link.
5. HETL sent the bill for the June analysis and results for July: TP 36µg/l, surface chlorophyll α 0.012 mg/l and the two meter grab 0.016 mg/l.
6. An e-coli sample was taken at the east shore swimming site on August 10, 2015. The results have not been returned yet.
7. Phine and Karen summarized the VLMP Annual Conference phosphorus session given by Dr. Steve Norton. The new understanding may better describe what is happening in Sewall Pond. We will start taking pH with the other water quality measurements in order to gain a better understanding of nutrient cycling in the pond.
8. We have been officially notified that the Stewardship Guide was not funded by the Maine Coastal Program. We have submitted another proposal to Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund to fund printing the booklet. DEP is the project's sponsoring agency. It is

expected to hear which projects will be funded in September. An e-mail of invitation has been sent out to the partners for the September 22 meeting. Harpswell will not be able to attend so Karen will have a phone conference with Maryann Nahf before the meeting to hear about lessons learned.

9. Water quality sampling schedule: Karen and Noreen August 25, Karen and Phine September 6.
10. Sewall Pond litter patrol schedule: Millie August 22, Paul August 29, Millie September 6 and Ralph September 12.
11. Beach seining for juvenile alewives will begin the next week or so.
12. It was requested that the Commission consider energy as a resource under the purview of the Commission and it be discussed at the September meeting.
13. Nature's Notes: Ralph brought macro-algae samples and Noreen was able to help with identification. Clarke reported on the small mammal trapping he and Jack are doing at the Holt Forest. They are live trapping white footed mice, short-tailed shrews, flying squirrels and chipmunks with oats. He reported that ~ 80% of the ticks analyzed are infected with Lyme disease. Clarke doesn't know if they are being tested for other co-infectors. A 1980's botanical inventory of Newtown Creek was shared. Paul reported "lots" of chipmunks and not so many red squirrels. Phine heard her first cicadas.
14. The next meeting will be September 15, 2015 at 5PM.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary