

Arrowsic Conservation Commission
Minutes for March 18, 2014

Present: Josephine Ewing, Karen Robbins, Nancy Sferra, Noreen Blaiklock, and guest, Paul Schlein

Minutes for February were read and approved as amended.

Gary fish is scheduled to come on April 15 to give a presentation on yardscaping; the state is requesting that at least 15 members of the public attend in order to make it worth Gary's effort to come. Phine has reached out to folks on the gardeners list, many of whom seemed interested in attending. Mark Geiger has agreed to let us use his sandwich board for posting a larger sign to advertise the event. Nancy will email John Hagan to ask him to spread the word in Georgetown. Gary will talk about yardscaping and pesticide use in the state and will leave plenty of time at the end for questions. Nancy will send out an announcement on the town Google group. The event will start at 6:30 and we will have light snacks available. Paul will put together a poster and Nancy will print out a large format for town hall. We will also ask Bill Savedoff to post the announcement to the town email distribution list.

Alewives: KELT signed the MNRCP project agreement and engineering contracts with Gartley and Dorskey. Jack Witham is finalizing the maintenance easement with abutters and will pass it on to the town for legal review. We got the analysis for fish stocks for the last five years - stocks are rebuilding and not ready for harvesting based on scale samples that we've sent to the DMR for analysis of sex and age ratios. There is currently \$11,247.79 in the account although we were wondering if that includes the t-shirt money.

Water Quality: There is \$213 left in the ACC budget which could be used for water sample analysis. Sawyer Lab is not doing any water quality analysis because of budget cuts at UMaine. Phine called VLMP but got no answer. Clearwater Lab in Newport charges \$50 for phosphorus and \$65 for chlorophyll A. Phine will call Elouise about lab cutbacks and Karen will call DMR to see who does their testing.

Nancy will do the ACC report for the town report.

Phine will submit a budget that includes \$345 for water testing that includes three rounds of samples, \$25 for Alwife Harvesters of Maine, and an additional \$130 for slush.

Nancy will send roadside cleanup dates to Bill to send out on the town email list. The cleanup will be May 3 with a rain date of May 4. People can pick up bags and sign up for road segments at town hall starting at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sferra