

Arrowsic Conservation Commission
August 19, 2014 Minutes

Present: Phine Ewing (chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Mildred Stafford, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were accepted as written.
3. The Commission enabling language was reviewed; the Commission is to be composed of five (5) members and two (2) alternates. To that end, Phine will recommend to the Select Board that both Paul Schein (who has asked the Select Board to join) and Clarke Cooper be appointed to the Commission as alternates with Phine Ewing, Noreen Blaiklock, Mildred Stafford, Ralph Pope, and Karen Robbins continuing as members.
4. Jason Siders, IF &W regional fish biologist, acknowledged receiving the letter of concern re: Sewall Pond Brook trout stocking. He expressed willingness to meet with the Conservation Commission. He asked that Doug Kulis participate and said he would be able to come to our September 16, 2014 meeting. Karen will confirm Doug's availability and Phine will let abutters know of the meeting.
5. The Recycling Committee would like to meet with the Conservation Commission. Phine will offer the October or December meetings.
6. The "Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience" workshop is being offered by NOAA trainers and hosted by the Department of Conservation Planning Office. It is September 29 and October 1, in Ellsworth and Wells, with a slightly different case study focus at each location. Members were encouraged to attend.
7. Beach seining for alewives has begun for the 2014 season. For the last two Tuesdays volunteers have seined for alewives without catching any. The first week more algae was caught than remembered in the past. The second week very little algae was caught. Interestingly, it has been noticed that fewer numbers and species of by-catch have been caught than in years past.
8. The culvert project was awarded to Harry C. Crooker and Sons. They expect to be working in the stream mid-September and meeting the October 6 deadline. Charlie Hudson has been hired to make a documentary video, "The Coolest Little Culvert in the Mid-Coast". Pre-cast Concrete of Topsham is making the culvert and is looking forward to working with Charlie on the documentary video.
9. Sewall Pond clean – up schedule: Phine -23rd, Millie -30th, Ralph – 6th(Phine will let Ralph know)
10. Water Quality schedule: Noreen and Karen 26th, Phine and Karen 9th.
11. A review of resident vegetable gardens and processing of produce continued from last month. A robust discussion of the "conservation of communities" was had.
12. The meeting adjourned at 8PM.
13. The next meeting will be September 16, 2014 at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Karen Robbins
Acting Secretary