

Arrowsic Conservation Commission

Minutes for March 19, 2013

Present: Nancy Sferra, Noreen Blaiklock, Milly Stafford, Karen Robbins, Ralph Pope

Minutes for February were accepted as amended.

Roadside Cleanup - The cleanup will be held April 27, Nancy will post a Google alert two weeks before cleanup. We will decide other logistics at the April meeting (Nancy and Noreen will be gone).

Town Warrant - The town submitted for the 2014 MPI through MDOT. The amount is dependent on how much is left from the state's 2013 snowplow/maintenance budget.

Phine and Karen talked to the selectmen about having a slot at town meeting to talk about the alewife project. We discussed whether to have a warrant at town meeting to see if the town is in favor of spending the money on the project. Even though we don't need to get permission to spend the money, it might be worth it to see how everyone feels about it. We decided not to go forward with the warrant article and instead will ask for time to speak at or before the meeting as an update and we will do a new poster.

The RFP went out and we got 4 proposals; we decided to go with Gartley and Dorsky who will do the bid-ready engineering of the project plan, utility easements, CMP coordination, property lines of abutters, permitting required to comply with the Natural Resources Protection Act (Department of Environmental Protection, Army Corps of Engineers, Main Historic Preservation Commission – which we have) for \$18,000. All of the applicants tried to add extra value and G & D added the best value. The work will be paid for by NOAA.

MDOT likes the project because it is one of the first that is town initiated. This project is small compared to most so it's an opportunity to showcase a project for not much money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sferra