

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2014 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT Mildred Stafford, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins, Ralph Pope, Phine Ewing

MINUTES of the March meeting were not available. Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as corrected.

YARDSCAPING Phine will send a brief recap of the Yardscaping talk for inclusion in the Arrow.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP Twenty eight people helped with roadside clean-up this year. All the major roads were covered.

John Hinds had expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the roadside trash is disposed of. He would like to see more care given to separating and cleaning the recyclable material from the trash. The conservation commission is reluctant to ask any more of the volunteers who do the dirty work in the ditches, hauling out a year's worth of grimy litter. It is impracticable to ask them to carry three separate bags. Phine will write a draft letter to the solid waste and recycling committee.

WOOD DUCK BOX was donated to the ACC. We decided to ask the landowners at the north end of the pond if we could install it in the marshy section of Sewall Pond. It is too late to house a family this year. Phine will ask Don if he would like to help.

ICE FISHING Two shorefront property owners at Sewall pond expressed frustration with the behavior of some of the fishermen who came to catch the brook trout stocked in Sewall Pond last winter. Warden Doug Kulis explained that the stocking was "put and take," and he expects the pond will continue to be stocked in future. We will see if shorefront owners would be willing to join us at our next meeting, June 17, to discuss the situation.

EASEMENTS Three of the easements have been signed and will be filed within the next two days. Mrs. MacKenzie has not signed yet, and every effort is being made to work with her to understand her hesitation. Once all the easements are filed, the job will be put out to bid, for fall construction.

HANGING TREE The Kaufingers reported a tree hung up over the trail to Sewall Pond. Nancy and Karen went there to take it down, but decided it was not a danger at present.

SCHEDULING Water quality:  
June 3, Noreen and Karen; June 17 Phine and Karen  
Clean-up: Sat. 7, Milly; Sat. 14, Phine

ORGANICALLY CERTIFIED FARM Noreen mentioned that a MOFGA notice alerted organic farmers that they should register their organic status with their town, in case the municipality decides to spray. There was some bafflement about where the information would be stored at the Arrowsic town hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Phine Ewing