

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 20, 2015

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Paul Schein, Mildred Stafford, Ralph Pope, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.
3. Jeremy Blaiklock, the Animal Control Officer would like to move the "Dogs must be Leashed" sign to the large informational board. He doesn't think pet owners are able to see the sign on the gate. Phine suggested if he does that, the Commission ask Don Hudson to make a "No Parking in Front of Gate" sign for next season. The Commission agreed as the relocation may make Jeremy's job easier. Phine will ask Don if he can make a new sign.
4. Phine summarized the water quality results and plotted phosphorus readings throughout the season. There was a significant upward trend in phosphorus later in the season this year. Paul asked if the Commission wanted to petition DEP to put Sewall Pond back on the Non-Point Source Pollution Priority Watersheds list. It had been there in years past and removed because the sources were mostly wetlands and internal sediments. The Commission decided that there wasn't any real benefit to being listed.
5. Fall alewife monitors have observed that high tide doesn't seem to attract the fish to the culvert and wonder if they have already left the pond. After the water quality session today Phine and Karen cleared the beaver debris away from the upper control plate and immediately well over a thousand fish were attracted to the out flow. They observed 300-400 fish leave the pond tail first. Karen will e-mail monitors to remind them about the last week of observation.
6. Phine reported on local Solarize Initiatives: Solarize Brunswick has awarded their contract to Revision Energy and have 180 households participating. Phine also spoke to Scott LaFlamme about the Midcoast COG Solar Farm initiative. They are expecting to have the bulk buying power of 22 different towns and will reach out to each town. Phine will put a brief notice in the Arrow so Arrowsic residents can be on the lookout for this opportunity as it develops.
7. The Stewardship Guide kick off meeting was summarized. All participants were enthusiastic and will be meeting again November 11, 2015 at the Phippsburg Town Office. Karen reported MOHF has rescheduled the grant awarding session to Thursday October 29, 2015.
8. The Georgetown Climate Change Working Group has asked for Arrowsic's participation on issues of mutual concern. Paul will pass the information on to the Road Commission and Arrowsic's Emergency Management Representative Brian Carlton.
9. Paul showed the Commission some examples of websites that other Commissions have created. He has proposed a "starting point" for the ACC and asked if people would think about what should be included.
10. Nature's Notes: Yes, on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> the Commission went on a very fun seaweed walk – thank you Noreen. Ralph showed the seaweeds he has pressed and the commission

learned that some species have multiple forms, that some species are considered plants and some are not considered plants, and that "Irish Moss" the Jamaican drink has interesting ingredients. Ralph also showed a file handle he had made out of "Tangle" (*Laminaria digitata*). The handle was very hard and leather like. Milly had a moose cross her field this past month. Phine recorded frost coming a week later than years past. Paul's bird feeders are being heavily used by species that usually over winter locally.

11. The next meeting will be November 17, 2015 at 5PM.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary