

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jan. 21, 2013 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mildred Stafford, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins, Phine Ewing

Milly loaned Karen her collection of minutes from the Arrowsic Marsh Association from 1970 and 1971.

MINUTES of the December meeting were accepted as amended.

CULVERT PROJECT Karen reported that everything was delivered to the State Planning Office (now part of the Department of Agriculture) on time. In addition, Karen was asked to write a summary of the project as a showcase. We have received a signed contract for \$23,000, \$18,000 of which goes toward design, which MDOT calls "Planning, Specs and Estimate." We will hire an engineering firm to put together a bid package.

The Conservation Commission sent letters explaining the project to Senator Seth Goodall and Rep. Bruce MacDonald. Karen followed up with voice mail messages but has not heard back from either. Karen will be meeting with Shawn Smith on Wednesday. Mark Jordan of Jordan Engineering will be presenting the hydraulic design and it will be submitted to biologists and engineers at USF&W, DMR, MDOT, IF&W, and USM for technical review. The partners in the project will have to come up with a list of engineering firms to put the bid to. Karen will likely consult with Jim Stump on this.

WARRANT ARTICLE If the design costs more than the \$18,000 budgeted, we may need to spend some of our dedicated Alewife fund to make up the difference. We will propose an article for the June town meeting to allow the Selectmen to do so.

Karen reported that the town will be reimbursed for much of the water quality testing we have done in recent years, and which could not be used as further matching funds. The ACC decided to request that those funds (about \$2000) be deposited in the dedicated alewife fund. Karen will see to it that our wishes are conveyed to the appropriate authorities.

ALEWIVES Karen reported that there will be a talk this Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Patten Free Library by Bill Potter who will be speaking on local alewife runs past and present. Then at 1:00 there will be the third outreach meeting of the Alewife Harvesters of Maine for all interested parties. It will be held at the Warren town hall.

MEETING DATE The ACC voted to change its regular meeting date from the third Monday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month, due to the number of days our meeting falls on a holiday. Phine will notify Bill Savadoff (for the town calendar),

put notice in the Arrow, and notify the paper's local meetings editor, after confirming with the absent ACC members.

**DOGS ON LEASH SIGN** Phine unveiled the "dogs must be leashed " sign that Don Hudson completed today. It will be attached to the gate with pipe clamps. Until that time, the sign will reside in the back of Phine's car. Many thanks to Don!

**ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP** We decided to start a tad early this year and schedule roadside clean-up for Saturday, April 27, 10 – noon. Phine will put notice in the upcoming Arrow. We will have to follow up with a town email blast and word of mouth closer to the event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50  
Respectfully submitted,

Phine Ewing