

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jan. 21, 2014 7:00p.m.

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

MINUTES of the December meeting were not available.

CULVERT UPDATE At 10:00 this morning, Karen was formally notified that we are official recipients of full funding for the culvert/fishway project. KELT will receive the full \$166,000 requested to pay for the project and for the administration thereof.

In anticipation of this positive outcome, the construction easements and permanent easements have already been marked on the ground. Karen spoke with Gartly and Dorskey, who are contracted to set pins. Jack Witham will help with easement language, and Jenny from David Weiss's office will help with title work. Karen is coordinating with Jack and KELT personnel on task assignment and completion dates for those tasks.

One unanticipated wrinkle to the fishway project is that, by law, fishing is prohibited within 100' of a fishway. The traditional fishing spot just north of the 127 pond access is within that distance, at least in part. IF&W can write an exemption for Sewall Pond if it sees fit.

TROUT IF&W stocked 250 Brook Trout in Sewall Pond toward the end of 2013, plus another 30 larger (beyond breeding age) trout. According to warden Doug Kuliss, it is "put and take," or only intended to improve fishing for one season. The fish are not expected to survive the warm summer water. The increased fishing activity has led to the capture of many species, not just the Brook Trout. It will be interesting to see if this changes any of the water quality observations next summer.

PESTICIDES Paul Schlein has been very helpful in gathering and sharing Board of Pesticide Control literature on pesticides and invasive plants. Phine will email to the rest of the committee. She will also invite Paul to the next meeting to discuss options for a pesticides ordinance.

WATER ACCESS A suggestion was made that we pursue Land for Maine's Future funding to purchase a property to provide access to the Kennebec. Karen will talk to Andrea Galuza about a likely property. Phine will ask Jack Witham about requirements for LMF purchases.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be Feb. 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Phine Ewing

