

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

April 18, 2017

Present: Phine Ewing (chair), Mildred Stafford, Clarke Cooper, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:56 PM
2. The minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Karen summarized the communications with the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions. A complete set of four stewardship guides, one from each town, was sent to Fred Snow, Board Chair of MEACC. Instead of writing a case study of the Alewife Restoration Project permission was given to link to the Cool Culvert video.
4. Alewife Project: The trap will be set Thursday morning and twice daily tending of the trap will begin Thursday afternoon.
5. Planning for the April 29th annual roadside clean-up: Phine will set the sandwich board out the week before and get more plastic bags. Millie will bring her Shaw's bags as well and volunteers will be encouraged to use the repurposed bags.
6. Clarke summarized the status of the Conservation Commission website and continues to work with Paul Kalkstein to make it engaging to residents while easy to update on the back side.
7. Karen and Paul Schlein will be finalizing the well-head survey the week after school vacation and will pass it on to Clarke for the website.
8. Phine will be attending the Green Infrastructure Workshop at the Wells Preserve on May 17th and offered to car pool with anyone else who wanted to go.
9. The next CCC meeting will be hosted in Arrowsic on May 23rd at 6PM and Phine will confer with Dot Kelly about the agenda
10. The new member discussion continued and members continue to think and speak with possible candidates.
11. Nature's Notes: There is a resident pair of osprey back on the Wilder Bridge, flocks of sparrows and golden gold finches have been seen, a territorial pair of pileated wood peckers are in residence near Mosquito Run and doing a fair amount of damage to the pine trees, Honey berry bloomed today at Phine's, Sewall Pond ice-out was April 9th, some peepers and wood frogs were heard on the 10th (which is later than usual), trailing arbutus are in full bloom and flycatchers and phoebes are back.
12. The next meeting is May 16, 2017 at 5PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins
Acting Secretary