

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 19, 2016 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mildred Stafford, Clarke Cooper, Phine Ewing

MINUTES of the March meeting were accepted as written. (It was noted that Milly was the only person present who was also present at the March meeting.)

ALEWIVES The trap was installed on Thursday morning, April 14. Friday morning, six alewives were found in the trap. The number has increased each morning, with 58 being found this morning (Tuesday). Water temperatures have hovered between 9 and 11 degrees C. Concerns that the trap has been tampered with, stemming from an open top one morning and an unhooked top the following morning, have been reported to warden Doug Kulis.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP Weather predictions continue to change. If Saturday morning is unsuitably rainy, Phine will tack a rain date notice on the sandwich board sign at the town hall, and will send out notice to the town google group. Inspection of the trash bag supplies at the town hall indicated that more are needed; Phine will purchase more. Milly will bring some small grocery plastic bags for small hands. Copies of the map of island roads were located in the back room. Milly will use one for assigning road clean-up crew.

STEWARDSHIP GUIDE Hard copy was not available for perusal. As for delivery method, despite the relatively low price for bulk mailing of the guide (\$40 more or less), it was considered more desirable to deliver the guides in conjunction with the annual reports.

INVASIVE FOREST PEST WORKSHOP will be held on May 4. Clarke went to a similar workshop, and felt it was helpful. No one has committed to go.

On a similar vein, Phine mentioned a presentation on the water resources of Maine by a present and a former state geologist on April 28 in Yarmouth.

SAND LOT The Selectmen inquired if the Conservation Commission had any objections to selling the sand lot to Larry and Betty Wilson, whose property abuts the lot. No conservation concerns were identified. It was noted that the Road Committee might want to weigh in.

ANNUAL APRIL SPEAKING EVENT Following up on the success of the YardScaping presentation last year and the composting talk last week, Paul suggested we might consider hosting an annual speaker series. People seem to be in town and willing to come out to a talk in April. He suggested we might build on some aspect of the Coastal Stewardship collaboration. We will discuss this again at the next meeting when more members are present.

NATURE NOTES Clarke first heard peepers on April 1; Lisa heard them the night before. Phine noted both male and female flowers out on hazel bushes on April 4. Paul and Phine both saw Coltsfoot first in bloom on April 14. Milly reported visits from the local porcupine, one visit for three hours. Phine mentioned that the male turkeys are strutting their stuff right now. Cow birds arrived last weekend, ospreys are back, and the eagles are doing their courting flights.

WATER QUALITY TESTING The first water quality foray will be May 10, and Phine and Karen will do it. Further scheduling will be done at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35.  
Respectfully submitted,

Phine Ewing