

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 15, 2017

Present: Phine Ewing (chair), Mildred Stafford, Noreen Blaiklock, Karen Robbins, Susan Fenn, Paul Schlein

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM
2. The minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Discussion about Food Sovereignty continued. Phine has reached out to Eloise Vitelli but as of yet has not had a conversation with her. Noreen doesn't think that Food Sovereignty should be within the Conservation Commission's scope of responsibility and Paul wonders about food safety.
4. Phine reported that the Alewife Fund had \$5,817 as of June 30, 2017. The second account was for the Stewardship Guide Grant and has been zeroed out.
5. Water Quality Sampling schedule; Phine and Karen 8/22, Noreen and Karen 9/5, Susan and Karen 9/19.
6. Litter and Beaver Debris Patrol: Clarke 8/20; Phine and Susan 8/28; Paul 9/4-5; Milly and Phine 9/11.
7. The paper responses to the well survey have been found and there are over 70 replies. Paul will send a reminder out digitally and in the Arrow to the Town.
8. Trail work on the east access to the pond will be scheduled next month.
9. ACC members are looking forward to the next Consortium meeting to hear Dick Tucker's Artic Travel Log and are wondering when it will be scheduled. Karen will reach out to Bob Reyes about how the Alewife Restoration Project was funded.
10. Results for total phosphorus (TP) and chlorophyll  $\alpha$  were received from the lab. May 31<sup>st</sup> TP was 21 ppb, chlorophyll  $\alpha$  was .0081 mg/l and on June 27<sup>th</sup> TP was 22 ppb and chlorophyll  $\alpha$  was 0.0052 mg/l.
11. Nature's Notes: Paul had been IDing butterflies and rescued a humming bird moth from one of his day lilies. The few Japanese beetles that Noreen has seen have been on the Japanese Knotweed and few other plants. Milly's cliff swallows never returned. Phine described the emerging of a cicada and its fragile pink and green color. There are a nesting pair of Broad-winged hawks near Noreen's and she suspects they are keeping the woodchuck population in control. Bats are back at Phine's, Paul's and Karen's.
12. The next meeting is September 19, 2016 at 5PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.
13. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary

