

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 19, 2019

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Susan Fenn, Clarke Cooper, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM
2. The minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Conservation Area Matters: There was an incidence of graffiti in the past month. The graffiti on the rocks, trees and sign post have been over painted. The post will need another coat in the spring. The Sagadahoc Sheriff in charge of the investigation offered to meet with the Commission to talk about various management strategies. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation. The replacement for the main sign board is completed and will be installed when the weather warms. Phine received quotes for the stand alone reflective "Closed from dusk to dawn" sign. It was decided to ask Carrot Signs in Brunswick to create the sign; it is estimated to cost between \$35-\$50.
4. Everyone was reminded that the Special Permit for this year's alewife monitoring was being processed now and if they know of anyone that would like to be involved, have them contact Karen. A couple of new volunteers have been added to the list already.
5. We are awaiting the final response from MDOT regarding the placement of picture posts along Route 127. It is estimated that the PT 4 X 4 and steel post holder will cost approximately \$27 per installation. Phine will ask the Town Treasurer how much is still left in the Commission budget for 2018-2019.
6. Paul Perkins has agreed to speak to Arrowsic residents and other interested people about the Citizens' Climate Lobby's Carbon Fee and Dividend Proposal on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall. Phine will notify the Town (through Sheila Spear) and the Conservation Commission Consortium.
7. Brown-tail Moth Matters: Phine hasn't heard back from Bob Reyes with the Consortium letter of support for Dr. Groden's research. Phine has drafted a couple of warrant articles that would create a designated Brown-tail moth research account that is funded by private donations and create an appropriation pathway to support Dr. Groden's research. The Commission reviewed the draft articles and Phine will revise them after talking to the Select Board to ensure that they appropriately articulate the intentions of the Commission.
8. Natures Notes: Clarke saw another fox and coyotes have been heard by Susan, Noreen and Clarke. Clarke watched, at close range, deer eating seaweed on the edge of the Kennebec River. Karen brought some "show and tell" demonstrating that a motivated flying squirrel can chew through and create a 3" X 6" hole in an ABS vent pipe. Phine commented on the fact that she hasn't seen any Pine Siskin or Red Polls this winter.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM
10. The next meeting will be March 19 at 5PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary