

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 19, 2016

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.
2. The minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were approved as written.
3. Phine thanked Clarke for dealing with tree across the path in the Sewall Pond Conservation Area.
4. This past weekend, Paul spoke with a person operating a gas-powered motor on Sewall Pond. When informed that gas-power motors are not allowed, the operator reported he had seen one the previous day. The operator was friendly, receptive and complied by removing the motor from the transom of the boat. Paul then discovered that the notification sign on the Route 127 side of the pond was not easily found and when found—illegible. Phine will talk to Doug Kulis about replacing the sign. If it is Arrowsic's responsibility, she will purchase a replacement sign.
5. Phine read the draft welcome letter. The Commission found it to be a good introduction for new residents to the Stewardship Guide. Phine and Karen will meet with the Select Board to present the letter and distribution concept.
6. Water quality and litter patrol schedule: Water quality--Aug 2 Phine and Karen (plant inventory also), August 16 Noreen and Karen. Litter Patrol--July 23 Clarke, July 30 Phine, August 6 Paul, August 13 Millie and Karen
7. The next Consortium Meeting will be August 2 and we will meet at 3:30PM at the Town Hall to car pool to Wright's Landing on Westport Island.
8. Nature Notes: Millie noted the young and very dead pine trees along the path to Sewall Pond. Clarke reported similar observations in the Holt Forest. She also noted the cliff swallows came back to her house, began to repair their nests and then left for several weeks with a larger group of new arrivals. A few have returned and she hasn't noticed any young of the year in the nests. She wonders about this and has many thoughts. Paul reported that he has a resident Scarlet Tanager that is the first to sing (4:15 AM) and the last to sing each day. He also reported that his research on the Red-bellied Woodpecker suggests its range is extending northward.
9. The next *Arrow* deadline is in a few weeks. The Commission doesn't have an appropriate contribution this time.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03PM
11. The next meeting will be at 5PM on August 16, 2016 at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary