

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
July 16, 2019

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Noreen Blaiklock, Paul Schlein, Clarke Cooper, Karen Robbins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM
2. The minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting were accepted as written.
3. Results from the June 11 water quality sampling have arrived. Total phosphorus (TP) was 18µg/L and chlorophyll α was 0.007 mg. These are core sample results. Doug Suitor hasn't received his results for the May 14<sup>th</sup> trip. This bill will be paid for from the Alewife Fund. Phine and Karen will sample August 6<sup>th</sup> and Susan and Karen will sample August 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sewall Pond clean up schedule: Clarke July 20<sup>th</sup>, Phine July 27<sup>th</sup>, Paul August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Susan August 10<sup>th</sup>, Phine August 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. Phine gave the list of potential new members to the Select Board. They asked, if each of the candidates is still interested, that each individual write the Board an e-mail to that effect.
6. Water Access: John Wood will review the R.O.W near the Georgetown Bridge after he returns to town.
7. Sea-level rise: an intern for the Island Institute contacted Phine about any actions the town has taken regarding the projected sea-level rise and offered to speak to us about the work they are doing. Phine reported on the Picture Posts. Phine will talk to her about the possibility of meeting with the Conservation Consortium. Noreen recently attended a lecture by Gayle Bowness of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute regarding sea-level rise and found it very informative.
8. Picture Post Status: Based on John Wood's research, the proposed wording for the R.O.W. description has been sent to the State and we are awaiting their reply.
9. Nature's Notes: Clarke visited Merrymeeting Fields and discovered he is a tick magnet, with dozens of ticks on his clothes and skin. It was noted that the Cooperative Extension will test any tick for \$15. The test will detect the Lyme's spirochete as well as the babesia, and Anaplasma phagocytophilum bacterias. Noreen heard at 4AM, in the morning, an owl that wasn't completely known to her and is wondering if it might be a Great Horned owl juvenile. And she further wonders if creatures are being displaced by the timber harvesting that is currently happening in Georgetown. Paul's Scarlet Tanager is much less elusive this season. It is staying around the house, porch and bird bath. And he has harvested about three pounds of Chanterelles this season. Clarke also reported a young loon in residence for about a week.
10. Other: The member agencies of the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program were hosted at the animal pass culvert today. They were appreciative of the volunteer efforts and glad to hear of the increased numbers of in-migrating alewives and declining total phosphorus in Sewall Pond.
11. Other 2: Since the brown-tailed moth research article wasn't included in the annual Town Meeting warrant, it was decided to write a short article for the next Arrow, speaking to the need for more research.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM
13. The next meeting will be August 20, 2019 at 5 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins  
Acting Secretary