

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 18, 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 May 21, 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Results from the May 14 water quality sampling have arrived. Total phosphorus (TP) was 13µg/L, surface grab chlorophyll α was 0.004 mg/L and the 2m chlorophyll α grab was 0.005mg/L. For comparison the target TP is 16µg/L or less and this is the first time the TP in Sewall Pond has met the DEP target. Karen will check with Doug Sutor to see what TP level was in the core sample he took at the same time. We will also sample using both methods one more time in August to determine if there is a significant difference in the results between the two methods. Noreen and Karen will sample July 9th and Phine and Karen will sample July 23rd.
4. The alewife trap was pulled June 7th even though some fish were still coming in. Volunteers monitored for over 100 hours to pass 23, 014 fish into the pond; the third largest season since 2007. DMR has submitted the amended river herring plan to the Atlantic States Marine Fish Commission with the goal of gaining permission to provisionally harvest fish during the 2020 season at 6 additional runs in Maine. DMR hopes to have their positive findings by the winter meeting.
5. Sewall Pond Conservation Area update: Signage was hung, chips were spread and the rope swing cut down on June 4th. Brian Elwell has some rocks that can be used for erosion control on the steep slope at the middle swimming spot. Karen will talk to him about cost and scheduling. Sukey asked the Commission to draft a public notice for the Select Board to issue regarding ordinance enforcement. Phine has drafted a paragraph that she will share with members. Members will remind the Select Board that the Commission doesn't have any enforcement authority.
6. Picture Post Project: Karen was late in reaching out to John for help with R.O.W. language for the MDOT license so we still don't have the license signed. Phine will get a sales tax certificate that can be used at Hammond Lumber and Home Depot so that some of the materials can be purchased with this year's budget before June 30th.
7. Sukey provided a lead about a grant for towns working to obtain waterfront access. We were unable to follow up on it as it required the town to have an up to date Comprehensive Plan. Possible sites for carry on access were discussed. Karen will speak to John Wood about the MDOT R.O.W. at the Georgetown Bridge.
8. The outcome of commission sponsored Town Meeting warrant articles was discussed. The brown-tail moth article was left off the warrant because of an oversight and the two Climate Change articles passed after some discussion.
9. Clam Camp and Fall Festival participation was discussed. Clarke will find out what the proposed schedule is.
10. Milly Stafford will no longer be able to serve on the Commission. It is with much gratitude that the Commission thanks her for many her years of service. Her gentle ways, historic knowledge and good humor will be missed. Phine will give the Select

Board suggestions for her replacement. Several people have offered to help in recent months and the Commission is blessed to have so many people that want to help steward our community's resources.

11. Nature's Notes: Susan had a large snapping turtle in the vernal pool adjacent to her house; IF&W had a photographer take its picture. Noreen had a "pale" monarch looking for milkweed. Phine saw puddling swallowtails and has noticed that the brown-tailed moths at her house have eaten the white oak and birch but very few of the red oak leaves.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM
13. The next meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 5 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins
Acting Secretary