

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 18, 2019

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM
2. The minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Conservation Area Matters: The replacement sign has been installed on the posts and the "Closed from dusk to dawn" draft was approved for Carrot Signs.
4. Phine will recommend to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee that Road Side cleanup be scheduled for May 4 and May 5 be the rain date.
5. We are awaiting the final response from MDOT regarding the placement of picture posts along Route 127. It was suggested that some posts be purchased from this year's budget and installed on the town roads of priority. The remaining posts will be purchased from next year's budget.
6. Phine has generously volunteered to write this year's annual report. The budget for next year was reviewed and it was decided to ask for \$500 because of the Picture Post Project and possible Conservation Area maintenance.
7. Phine read the revised brown-tail moth research ordinance and will share it with the Select Board at their March 25 meeting. It was also decided to share it with the Conservation Commission Consortium.
8. Nature's Notes: Noreen has a lot of snow drops up. Red-winged blackbirds were heard by several people the end of last week which is approximately one week early. Tom turkeys have been heard out and about. There is some wondering about what turkey vultures eat with the cold late springs and lack of open dump food sources. It was noted that people were fishing on Sewall Pond last weekend and a couple of years ago we had ice out this weekend.
9. At 6PM the meeting was opened to the public; approximately 35 people from Arrowsic, Bath and Georgetown were present. Paul Perkins from the Citizens Climate Lobby spoke about HR 7173 the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. After summarizing the act and how it would be implemented he spoke about actions that individuals and municipalities could take in support of the act. A questions and answer period followed.
10. The commission will approach the Select Board and ask the Town to sign on the resolution in support of the act.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM
12. The next meeting will be April 16 at 5 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins
Acting Secretary