

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 16, 2017

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM
2. The minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were accepted as written.
3. Road side clean-up was April 29th and 30 volunteers picked up litter from the town roads. Craig Rogers was able to take everything away the following Monday.
4. The alewives are still coming in strong. We have counted over 8300 so far and expect the run to continue a bit longer. Both morning and evening counts have been strong.
5. Water quality will be done May 30th and June 13th. Sewall Pond litter patrol will be Clarke for the weekend of the 30th, Paul for June 6th, Phine and Milly for June 10/11 and 17/18.
6. The CCC meeting will be hosted by the ACC and we will do a road side "show and tell" about the Alewife Project at the trap.
7. Ruth Indrick has approached the Commission to see there is any interest in working on developing responses to sea-level rise. After Phine attends the Green Infrastructure Workshop tomorrow, the Commission will talk about the best way to participate.
8. The scientific journals from the Holt Forest are available to anyone who is interested. Paul will be recycling them in a few weeks.
9. The new member discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
10. Clarke showcased the new Commission website and well head survey. The Commission is impressed with the page and grateful for his efforts. A couple minor suggestions for tweaking the site were made.
11. Nature's Notes: There are a dearth of pollinators in Noreen's dandelion patch. Several humming birds have been seen including one in Clarke's house. Everyone reports spring being behind by at least a week; Phine's last frost was April 19th. The pine warblers are feeding around windows and the foxes look really healthy. Finally, there are reports of downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers around.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.
13. The next meeting is June 20, 2017 at 5PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins,
Acting Secretary