

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
October 16, 2018

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM
2. The minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. On reviewing the plans for restoring the Sewall Pond sign, it was asked that the "Closed Dawn to Dusk" language be prominently displayed.
4. Paul has sent the Farm Bill position letter to the legislators.
5. Paul spoke to the state about the well handle and public water supplies. If the Town doesn't use the well more than 60 days in a calendar year it isn't required to be tested. Also, he learned that boiling water doesn't kill any nitrates that might come from a septic system close to the well head. Paul will send a note to Brian Carlton to encourage that the town well be incorporated into Arrowsic's Emergency Management Plan.
6. Water quality monitoring is done for the year. We have not yet received September's test results. Doug Sutor from DEP reports that the phosphorus results for the sediment sample will be available shortly.
7. The Conservation Commission received another generous donation from Bruce Zuwalick and Phine has sent him a thank you note.
8. Susan and Paul reported on the Georgetown Tick Presentation. There were approximately 25-30 people gathered at the Fire House. A good summary of ticks was presented and they reported that the expanded hunt will not be enacted and Georgetown will be doing outreach and education with Georgetown residents about BMP for avoiding tick contact and Lyme's disease.
9. Those who attended the brown-tail moth CCC meeting in Harpswell reported on the meeting and how the five towns might work together to support Dr. Eleanor Groden's research. Lee Johnson (Georgetown), Bob Reyes (Phippsburg) and Wendy Batson (Harpswell) volunteered to reach out to Dr Groden and draft a letter of support. The draft will be circulated with each of the towns by way of the commission chairs. Harpswell is also starting a sea-level rise study using "fixed" position photography stations to take pictures of roadways most vulnerable to sea-level rise. Karen and Clarke will think through setting up similar monitoring stations for the Route 127 causeway at the top of the island.
10. It was decided to hold the Annual Field Trip at the IF&W property on November 11th at 9:30. The rain date will be November 18th and Phine will send out a notice to the public.
11. Nature Notes: Many have noticed dead possum, porcupines and raccoons on the roads the past couple of weeks. There are also a lot of turkeys around. Phine reported that she learned on her trip to Prince Edward Island that even without bear, moose or deer on the island there have been a few reported ticks and at least one with Lyme's disease. She also reports seeing a lynx while on a trip in the Allagash

River corridor. Don has trapped over 51 chipmunks this year in the garden and it was speculated that without any acorns this year that the chipmunk population will drop back to normal numbers next year.

12. Other: Copies of the Comprehensive Plan have been found at the town hall; they may be signed out. Clarke will review the Sustainable Forestry literature received in the mail. Sampling of juvenile alewives will take place on Nov 5th at 10AM at the culvert.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM
14. The next meeting will be December 18th at 5PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Respectfully,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary