

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 18, 2016

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were accepted as written.
3. Thursday September 29, 2016 was the annual Sewall Pond Conservation Area work day. Several water bars were set using downed trees. The remaining chips were spread. Asplundh has supplied new chips for the next couple of years.
4. Water quality values for September 12th were 25 mg/L for TP and 0.0066 mg/L for chlorophyll α .
5. The November 13th Field Trip will be at the Holt Forest at 9:30 AM. Either Jack or Clarke will host it. The walk will be the substitute for the November meeting.
6. The Conservation Commission Consortium meet on October 11th and decided to make a summary pamphlet of energy efficient tips and resources. Dot Kelly and Phippsburg will be leading the project. The next meeting is November 15th at 6PM at the Phippsburg Town Hall.
7. The proposed PUC solar generation ruling was discussed. The idea of writing a position paper from the Arrowsic Conservation Commission was discussed. Phine will speak to the Select Board to determine if they would support such an action.
8. Paul has been working with the Sustainability Coordinator for South Portland and has wondered if creating such a position for Arrowsic would be beneficial to the town. The idea was discussed and no action taken.
9. The state has begun to issue drought notices and the ACC is wondering about the best way to get drought information to Arrowsic citizens. It was decided to do a "soft survey" of the Arrowsic Google Group as a conversation starter. Paul will draft a few questions for review.
10. Nature's Notes: Ralph reports the bitter sweet on the way to Baldhead is very strong in spite of the herbicides the State applied and Clarke's mechanical removal. Noreen's turkeys have been very vocal. Millie reported she didn't see any Japanese beetles this year. Paul is seeing brown-tail moth webs and was exposed to the hairs again and all agreed this is a big mast year.
11. Paul reminded the Commission that the deadline for the next Arrow is December 1st and encouraged the ACC to submit an article.
12. Phine and Karen will do a last water quality sample of the season (weather permitting) on October 25th. The low water constricting plate for the upper weir has been installed and the incoming tide and exiting young-of-year have been documented. The ACC agreed to pay for the installation out of the designated Alewife Fund.
13. The next meeting is December 20, 2016 at the Arrowsic Town Hall at 5PM.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary