

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 20, 2016

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting were accepted as written.
3. Phine had a conversation with HETL about the higher than average TP results for July. It was noted that there was a small storm event two days before the sample was taken. The ACC will continue to monitor and document with photographs the silt plume at the Route 127 cross-drain culvert particularly after storm events.
4. Water quality schedule: Noreen and Karen will sample October 11. The ACC will determine at the next meeting if a second October sample will be taken.
5. Thanks to Ralph for installing the new “No Gas Motors” sign September 13, 2016.
6. The November Field Trip was discussed. Clarke will ask Jack if he could host a walk through the Holt Research Forest Sunday November 13th at 9:30 AM.
7. The ACC reviewed what would be the most worthwhile approach to “Energy Efficiency” for the town and members who can attend will share at the next Conservation Consortium meeting scheduled for October 11th at the Westport Town Hall.
8. Nature’s Notes: Clarke heard a couple of Barred owls. Noreen had a flock of turkeys (3 hens and 16 young-of-year) strutting through their door yard the past few mornings. Millie reported the cliff swallows never returned to their usual behavior this season. Paul is still experiencing a feeding frenzy at his bird feeder—particularly blue jays.
9. The next meeting is October 18, 2016 at the Arrowsic Town Hall at 5PM.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary