

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 19, 2017

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:07PM
2. The minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting were accepted as amended.
3. Paul reported that MOFGA did not take a position on the Food Sovereignty Bill
4. No more litter patrol will be scheduled for the year. Water quality will be taken by Phine and Karen on October 3 and Noreen and Karen on October 17.
5. Karen will contact Bob Ater again before the next meeting regarding his fireworks concerns.
6. Trail repair at the Conservation Area will be October 14th @ 10 AM. The town will be invited to help.
7. Phine will talk with Sukey about how to best distribute the Stewardship Guide to new residents and property owners.
8. Phine will reach out to Dick Tucker about scheduling an Artic talk for the Conservation Commission Consortium. Karen reported on her meeting with Bob Reyes regarding the Center Pond Alewife Project in Phippsburg.
9. The annual November Field trip was discussed and Phine will speak to the Spencers about walking the Clark & Lake Settlement.
10. Phine and Paul met with the Select Board and Health Officer (HO) about Lyme disease and the deer herd on the island. Christine Woodman(HO) reported on her conversations with IF&W. The ACC's letter was received by the Select Board. Phine presented a summary article that suggest deer are not biologically friendly to the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The Select Board asked that Christine have a conversation with Jack Witham, Senior Research Scientist at the Holt Forest.
11. Natures Notes: Susan and Karen watched several osprey fishing and a large snapping turtle thermal conforming while doing water quality on Sewall Pond this morning. Large chipmunk populations have been noticed by everyone. Phine's cat is stalking chipmunks and bringing them in the house to "toy with them". It was noted the state is listing Arrowsic as in a Moderate Drought.
12. The well head survey received three more paper responses.
13. Members looked at 1980's maps of Arrowsic wetlands and critical habitat.
14. The next meeting is October 17, 2017 at 5PM at the Town Hall.
15. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robbins, Acting Secretary