

Education Committee - Town of Arrowsic

Arrowsic Town Hall, June 3, 2015

[Draft by Anita Lichman]

Participants: Deena Bachman, Camille Kauffunger, David Howes, Anita Lichman, Karen Robbins

Agenda:

1. Approve last meeting minutes.
2. High School Building Committee
3. Arrowsic Town Meeting
4. Committee Chair Transition

1. Approve last meeting minutes.

All those who attended the last meeting approved the minutes. Karen Robbins mentioned that the Committee could post the meeting notes on the Town website by contacting the Town webmaster. **Anita agreed to forward the notes to the Town webmaster on behalf of the Committee.**

2. High School Building Committee

Karen Robbins presented about the High School Building Committee progress. It was noted that there are a small group of potential sites (i.e. Wing Farm, YMCA to the Legion etc.) being explored for the high school. In August 2015 there will be a town hall meeting where all interested parties can attend and help select the site. In September 2015 there will be a straw vote by citizens for the final site selection.

Karen mentioned sustainability, flexibility/adaptability, honoring the cultural history/identity, and integrating into the larger community as major themes that have informed the high school building Committee.

Themes that were highlighted from Arrowsic residents that Karen was bringing forward to ensure inclusion in the process were farm to table, technology, cosmopolitan lens, and programmatic content.

3. Arrowsic Town Meeting

Karen Robbins shared information about the format of the Town meeting to help the Committee prepare. The Committee's annual report was noted as a resource for the Committee to utilize while standing up at the Town meeting to report out on the Committee's activities. Karen also mentioned that the Committee may want to reflect upon the trend of Towns leaving the RSU1 and the implications and opportunities for Arrowsic.

4. Committee Chair Transition

David stepped down as the Committee chair and the group discussed the roles and responsibilities of the chair that David had been overseeing and doing. David listed the compiling and main-

taining of the Committee notes & documentation, representing the Committee on the re-appropriation Committee focused on the new school board for RSU1, facilitating meetings and providing reminders, being a liaison to Town Select Board & other groups, as well as ensuring Committee business was coordinated and integrated into other Town systems (i.e. Town calendar, coordination with other committees etc.). Anita nominated Camille for the role of Chair & Deena seconded the nomination. Camille accepted the nomination and acknowledged receipt of the key to Town hall. Camille requested that each Committee member continue to offer their skills and resources to support the Chair position and the Committee members agreed.

Next Steps

1. Anita agreed to forward the notes to the Town webmaster on behalf of the Committee.
2. David agreed to pass along the Committee binder with Committee notes and other documentation.
3. The group agreed to focus on community initiatives at the next Committee meeting including the Box Top collection, Arrowsic Accolades, and a potential schedule of events for the coming year. Also, on the agenda for the next Committee meeting will be setting and documenting the Committee meetings for August and beyond and discussing how to approach the topic of towns belonging to and separating from the RSU1.

Committee's Annual Tasks

- 1) Create annual monthly meeting schedule & post on town calendar, Google Town calendar, and Arrow publication. (AUGUST)
- 2) Secure RSU1 School Board meeting schedule & assign Committee members to attend & report back to the Committee (SEPTEMBER)
- 3) Announce Pre-K information session & RSU1 school registration deadline. (MARCH)
- 4) Town Annual Report (MARCH)
- 5) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
- 6) Submit annual Committee budget request to Select Board. (APRIL)
- 7) Prepare for Town meeting presentation. (JUNE)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Next Committee meeting is July 8th at 6pm at Town Hall.