

# Arrowsic Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes—January 19, 2015

*Committee members present: Ros Arienti, John Hinds, Roz McLean, Paul Schlein*

- The meeting convened at 6:00 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

## ***Committee Membership Update***

- Paul informed the committee that Damian had resigned, although he said he would still continue to help out behind the scenes, as he has been doing. Committee members acknowledged his contribution and said that he would be missed.
- The need for at least one new member was discussed. \*Paul said a notice would be put in *The Arrow*, and that he had also recontacted one individual in town who had expressed interest in joining the committee.

## ***Meeting Minutes***

- The December 2014 meeting minutes had already been circulated and unanimously approved though e-mail.

## ***New Recycling Brochure***

- A few final changes were made on the brochure, which \*Paul said he would make, and then, as planned, send the final draft first to Craig Rogers and then to the Selectmen for their review and approval.
- Once approved by all, \*a blowup of the inside of the brochure would be laminated and posted on the recycling shed, the brochure file would be posted on the website, and, by February 1, an e-mail would be sent to the town announcing it.
- \*With the approval of the Selectmen, printed copies would be distributed with the *Town Report* before Town Meeting.

## ***Recycling/Composting Survey***

- The committee reviewed all the changes made to the survey and unanimously agreed it was ready to go. \*Paul said he would send out the link to the committee one final time and ask everyone to do a test run to weed out any problems.
- \*The survey would go live on February 1, with an \*e-mail sent out to the town including a link, and would run until the end of March 2015.

## ***Article for the Next Arrowsic Arrow***

- The article for the next *Arrow*, including a call for new members, various events coming up, the new brochure, and the survey, was reviewed and approved.

## ***Spring Roadside Cleanup***

- Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9:30 AM is the date of the Spring Roadside Cleanup.
- The workshop to train volunteers in handling and sorting what is collected would be on Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 PM, at the Town Hall. \*John would get sample materials and set up a mock collection to simulate what would actually happen and need to be done.
- \*A call for volunteers would be sent out in March, announcing the cleanup and the special workshop. The wording for the announcement would be determined at the February meeting.

## ***Update and Review of Municipal Composting and Pay-As-You-Throw Trash Programs***

- Paul briefly described two articles the Selectmen had passed on to him on composting and pay-as-you-throw trash programs that were in the November 2014 issue of *Maine Townsman*.
- Committee discussion ensued on how Arrowsic might benefit from these programs. It was pointed out that both articles focused on large, urban municipalities, nothing like Arrowsic. It was also noted that

Arrowsic did propose a pay-as-you-throw program back around 1990 that was rejected at Town Meeting, with one concern being that it would be unfair to larger families. As a possible solution, Ros suggested allotments of bags could be based on family size.

- John pointed out that pay-as-you-throw was discussed by the committee more recently, and it was determined that the significant savings attained by larger towns would not likely be realized by Arrowsic, since the town already has a relatively high rate of recycling, as confirmed by Craig Rogers.
- The idea of going out and actually observing who does and doesn't recycle in town, with the idea of providing direct feedback to those who not recycling, was again brought up.
- It was also stated that the approach to composting detailed in the article would also not be practical for a rural town like Arrowsic.
- The final determination was that, regardless of the pros and cons of these programs, the first priority was to complete the recycling and composting survey and use the results to determine the town's next steps.

### ***Meeting Schedule***

- Next Meeting: Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on February 16, the next meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 6:00 PM. \*Paul would e-mail Bill to update the online town calendar.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

\*Denotes action items

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