

**Town of Arrowsic  
Planning Board Minutes  
January 4, 2016**

Present (PB designates serving on the Planning Board) Will Neilson (PB), Roger Heard (PB), Chris Brett (PB), Geoff Cartmell (PB), Don Kornrumpf (PB), Matt Caras (PB), Jennifer Geiger (PB), Mike Kreindler (CEO), Samantha Malsch

The meeting was called to order by Will Neilson at 7:05.

1. Samantha Malsch letter concerning in-law apartments. Samantha submitted a letter to the Planning Board requesting an exception to the minimum lot size requirements to allow for secondary (in-law) apartments to accommodate elder relatives and also to allow elder residents to have a secondary dwelling to supplement their income and allow them to remain in Arrowsic. She provided examples of ordinances that accommodate this from Harpswell, Phippsburg, and Brunswick. This topic had been discussed informally in the past and this provided an opportunity to discuss the subject in greater depth. Jennifer raised the issue of what the downsides would be to actually allow these in-law apartments to existing properties without restrictions. Roger mentioned that at the time the 2 and 5 acre zoning was created, the town was expanding and there was concern that the town would be growing too fast. Matt suggested that there must have been some environmental impact concerns that were taken into consideration. Will brought up the consideration that any changes should generally not be too big because people have made financial decisions based on the current ordinance. It was agreed that this topic should be brought to the Selectmen and pursued further. It was also agreed that it would probably not be possible to make any recommendations for Town Meeting this year.
2. Mike raised a question concerning a lot on the Back River. The owner was interested in building a structure. The lot doesn't meet minimum size requirements. A tent platform was not possible based on setback requirements. It was agreed that it would not be possible to build anything on the lot.
3. Roger moved to adjourn at 8:21. Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Submitted by Chris Brett, Secretary