

**Town of Arrowsic
Planning Board Minutes
March 3, 2015**

Present (PB designates serving on the Planning Board) Will Neilson (PB), Roger Heard (PB), Chris Brett (PB), Matt Caras (PB), Geoff Cartmell (PB), Don Kornrumpf (PB), Mike Kreindler, CEO, Keel Kemper (IF&W)

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

1. Discussion with Keel Kemper, wildlife biologist with Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, District 2. He is involved in regulating animal habitat issues. He was also involved in the permitting process of Sasanoa Shores. Keel began with a brief overview. The Natural Resource Protection Act of 1990 identified significant wildlife habitats. These included deer wintering areas of high or moderate value, inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat. One of the motives was to preserve bird nesting habitat. Inland birds need a 250 feet buffer for nesting. A 75 feet buffer was negotiated for salt water birds but not based on biology. We have 3 inland nesting areas in Arrowsic. Data is collected about the number of birds in the habitat. Keel indicated that the minimum standard is often allowed to be reduced for an individual home owner. Mike raised the question of what to do about a temporary dock near a wildlife habitat. He indicated that the DEP has no jurisdiction over temporary docks. Keel indicated that IF&W would provide technical assistance in locating the dock for minimum impact. It was also mentioned that one of the 7 criteria for approval of a conditional use permit includes "Will not result in damage to spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat".
2. Floodplain Management changes. Mike reviewed the current status. Arrowsic is a participating community in The National Flood Insurance Program. This is a requirement for property owners to obtain insurance in the floodplain. The areas of floodplain in the town are defined by maps prepared by FEMA. The town has received preliminary updated maps which are about to be issued in final form. The town must adopt a new Floodplain Management Ordinance to coincide with this. Mike recommended repealing the old plan and adopting a new ordinance. The state has provided a model ordinance which they are willing to modify to meet the towns requirements. He noted that new construction is prohibited in the floodplain in the town ordinance but that the model ordinance allows for it. He recommended removing reference to new construction to avoid confusion. He also mentioned three ways to set fees for the permits. All agreed to have Selectmen set them.
3. Roger moved to adjourn at 9:20, Chris seconded and all voted in favor.

Submitted by Chris Brett, Secretary