

**Arrowsic Board of Selectmen (draft 1/27 amended 1/29 and 2/1 and 2/8 for approval 2/9)  
Minutes, January 26, 2021**

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Don Kornrumpf, Chris Wilcoxson, Michael Kreindler, Phine Ewing

The meeting was called to order at 6.02.

**Minutes of January 12, 2021 were not approved.**

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant #14 \$10,807.50**

Warrant #14 for \$10,807.50 was approved unanimously on a motion by Walter, seconded by Will

Will asked about the septic reimbursements; the policy is to reimburse disposal only. The fee varies somewhat from vendor to vendor, and also by the size of the septic tank.

Brett reported that auto excise taxes income has been well above budget this fiscal year, likely due to people delaying their registrations that were due in April to June, due to the Pandemic. Road maintenance is showing as below budget, but there were delays in the one snowplow contract getting signed/paid and the other contract had a missed payment for December, so there are double payments in January.

Sheila will continue to try to get a fully signed contract from Maine Moss.

Sheila will ask Town officials to delineate how/if individual members are paid, and whether there are any term limits that might apply.

**Town Debit card**

Brett will contact Androscoggin Bank for information on a governmental body credit card. The Board will amend the town's financial management policy statement at the next meeting.

**Codes Enforcement Officer: Chris Wilcoxson**

Walter welcomed Chris and expressed the town's thanks that he is on board. There is still an issue with the email address, but Walter is working on this. For now, there will be a temporary address for Chris which will be used as the contact information on the town's website. Michael recommended using the name format used by the state: `firstname.lastname@....`

Chris reported that his first two weeks were slow but that he and Michael were now working on 4-5 building permits. He expressed his gratitude for Michael's collaboration.

Chris has passed all but one of the required certification examinations, but the State has not yet notified him of his status. Chris and Michael will be attending a state-wide seminar on January 27 and may be able to clarify some of these concerns. There are some areas in which he can work for up to a year, but this does not include plumbing, so he made need to contact Jonathan Bean of West Bath for assistance in an upcoming case.

Sheila will get a set of tax maps printed for him.

Walter reported that he had been informed by Paul Demers that Arrowsic was a very high performer in relation to codes enforcement compared to many other towns. Michael pointed out that several other towns are facing lawsuits as a result.

**Sewall Pond Conservation Area - Phine Ewing**

Phine reported that the ACC recognized that as it had no enforcement powers it was not able to make any recommendation to avoid the problems experienced last year. After discussion of options to limit parking on Old Stage Road, none of which seemed likely to resolve the problem, it was decided there was little to be done at this time. Asked about evidence of the impact of the increased use, Phine reported that the water quality tests that the ACC undertakes regularly did not indicate any deterioration so far. There is some impact

on the trails and the committee will continue to work on trail maintenance. The west side is of concern - the shoreline is bare earth; there is a plume from route 127 where turbid water comes in from the road - but the town has no control over this area.

Walter thanked Phine for all the work of the ACC and Phine expressed regret that the ACC cannot do more.

Walter informed Phine that the Board is and is looking for a person to do initial research, present recommendations etc, and perhaps eventually take a leadership role in developing a new Comprehensive Plan.

then asked if there was interest in the ACC to take a role in developing a new Comprehensive Plan.

### **Abatement request**

The Board took no action at this time. Walter will talk to the property owners.

### **ABA Broadband Update**

Don Kornrumpf reported:

- In response to our NO/ISP RFP: Axiom responded with a full proposal, which has been reviewed with Mission, We are waiting for a phone call with LCI Thursday. Georgetown have decided not to resubmit their USDA application but instead are seeking to put together community funding of a separate company to own their Broadband network, with Axiom the likely ISP.
- Project Engineers - Question letters sent to CHR, Finley & Tilson. CHR & Finley have just responded; Tilson's expected this week. ABA is currently evaluating.
- USDA closing and reporting documents: Kristin, DeeDee Sukey and Don have had contact with USDA, including Tim Brooks. We will probably have to request another extension for the closing documents. The Reporting guidelines are 83 pages long. DeeDee will be the ARR signer and she will designate Don and Brett as Level 2 E authorized signers needed to submit reporting documents.
- Mission contract: Approval to sign document requested and agreed; Walter to sign.
- Funding: Bank \$150,000: Petri Flaherty is preparing a Town attorney opinion for the bank. The interest will be at the taxable municipal debt rate due to complications in meeting IRS qualifications for tax exempt debt relating to involvement of the ISP as a 'for profit' entity. The interest rate differential is 2.375% vs 1.63%, a 0.745% difference which on even \$100,000 for 6 months is \$372.50 less than legal fees to qualify for non-taxable borrowing.
- ABA Town Web Site and Community communications: In coordination with Paul Kalkstein and Alex Schwartz, ABA web pages should be posted tomorrow.
- Broadband Survey- A updated survey which will assist in our marketing decisions will also be posted and emailed this week.
- The Target date for completion is still November 30 2021, However, 'Make Ready' and USDA response delays for same push date into well into 2022

DeeDee reported that the resolution approved at the June 6 2020 meeting must be revised to allow her name to be changed, and then to include the current date in the new document. On a motion by Will, seconded by Walter, the Board approved two amendments to resolutions previously approved on June 8 last year.

Approved a resolution to approve amendments to the original resolution of June 8 2020.

1. Amend DeeDee's name to Dianna Jorgensen
2. Amend the date to today's Board meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Town Hall IT**

There was no update on the town's email

Sheila will consult with Jack to be sure that the current Town Hall computers have capacity for Microsoft 365 and if so, proceed with purchase.

**Annual Report Timeline, Contract**

Sheila will ascertain printing costs from Bath printing, review the budget and report to the Board at its next meeting.

The remaining items were deferred and the meeting adjourned at 8.11 pm