

**Arrowsic Select Board
Minutes December 28, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Brett Jensen, Sheila Spear, Mike McMahon, Clarke Cooper, Phine Ewing, Karen Robbins, Bob Ater, Barbara Boyce, Paul Kalkstein, Michele Gaillard, Michael Kreindler, Paul Schlein.

Minutes for December 14, 2021 were approved unanimously on a motion by DeeDee, seconded by Will.

Warrant #12 was revised, adding \$3501.26 salary to payroll. With this revision the warrant for \$87,321.75 was unanimously approved on a motion by Will, seconded by DeeDee.

Range Lights property – Phine Ewing

The Conservation Commission has been looking for water access for many years having been charged with this task by the 1989 Comprehensive Plan. There are few suitable sites in Arrowsic and Commission has been watching the Range LightKeeper's property for some years. There is \$80,000 in the water access fund. There may be other funds available.

ACC requested that the Select Board request notice from the Coast Guard (via the GSA) when the details of the auction of the property, including minimum bid amount and particulars of the deed, become available. The Select Board suggested instead that the ACC continue its pursuit of these particulars.

Walter pointed out that this is not a decision for the Select Board to make; only the Town Meeting can decide to expend public funds for any purpose whatsoever.

After discussion about the need to evaluate the site and to explore the potential costs of converting it to a suitable access point, the Board agreed that it would be willing to convene a special town meeting if a proposal with necessary information was put forward.

New Conservation Commission member – Phine Ewing

The ACC has met with Priscilla Tucker, an evolutionary biologist with grant writing experience. She is interested in serving on the Commission, which has a vacancy. The Board asked that she submit a letter of interest and plan to meet with the Board prior to being sworn in by the Clerk.

Staff vacancies

DeeDee reported that she had received multiple inquiries following the letter distributed to town residents. One person is interested in working with the Recycling committee and is in touch with Katie Smith. Discussions have been held with a potential candidate about both the Tax Collector and the Treasurer position, and with another concerning the Tax Collector positions.] They have been put in touch with Katie Smith for the Recycling Committee and Jon and Brett for the Tax Collector and Treasurer positions. There is a potential candidate for the chair of the Education Committee, a couple of other people have expressed interest in learning more about other positions and DeeDee is in touch with them. Both Tax Collector and Treasurer are elected positions and their names would have to be submitted to the Town Meeting.

DeeDee will ask the potential applicants to submit a letter of interest and a resume and let them know they will need to meet with the Board. It was agreed that the filling the Tax Collector vacancy is the first priority, given

the need for training which starts in March. The new appointee could be hired as Deputy Tax Collector until the end of the fiscal year, and Jon would serve as Deputy following that.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7.04 pm.