

## Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

September 10, 2018

Present: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Michael Kreindler, John Biehler, Phine Ewing, Jack Witham, Susan Fenn

This meeting was preceded by a site walk to Sewall Pond at 5:15 pm.

### **Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant #4 (\$55,281.33-amended) and #5 (\$10,201.40) were reviewed, approved and signed. Mary reported that Purdy Powers performed the annual audit last week with no issues experienced or reported. They will have a few adjustments and accruals. They reviewed our financial policies and procedures document and noticed that it was missing a discussion of leases and debts (we have neither). Michael Nelson from Purdy Powers will craft some language to explain that.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes for 08/27/18 were reviewed and approved as amended.

### **InforME:**

The Selectmen discussed an implementation plan for online car registration renewal services including training and integration with Mary's process. Since only renewals and not initial registrations are available through this service, Jon is entering the information that he is receiving from registrants into the database so that starting in July 2019, people who have registered their car this year will be able to renew on line next year. There was a discussion of the cost of the service to the customer and the forfeiture of fees by the Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Jon has also been investigating the implementation of credit card usage to pay for Town services. Jon discussed the costs, equipment and time frame.

### **Ticks:**

Jack Witham, Associate Scientist, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine, and Arrowsic resident, was present to help the Selectmen understand the tick problem in our area. After discussing the scope of the problem, Jack indicated that he has been following the progress of the ad hoc tick committee in Georgetown who are recommending action be taken to combat the high incidence of tick-related illnesses on our islands. Action includes education/outreach, personal protection and reducing the deer population. Jack is in agreement with their strategy although an implementation plan and timetable is still in the works. Many hurdles remain, including working out a plan with IF&W, the State department that regulates hunting. Whatever plan is decided on will apply to all of IF&W Wildlife Management District 25, which includes Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Knox counties. Communication with and input from the town will be crucial to ensure that all stakeholders understand the issues. The Selectmen will continue to follow the progress of the Georgetown group

### **Sewall Pond:**

The Selectmen have been asked by several property owners whose properties abut Sewall Pond to look into the issue of off-hour use of the Town property. Phine Ewing and Susan Fenn attended on behalf of the Conservation Committee. For the next summer season, the Selectmen discussed making the property signage bolder and clearer about the hours of use (dawn to dusk), parking prohibitions and consequences (dawn to dusk), and personal liability issues. We would contact the Sheriff regarding stepped up enforcement, especially of parking on Old Stage Road. The Selectmen

also discussed whether the Planning Board should address the issue by setting standards in the zoning ordinance for structures and development in public and private parks, and recreational areas.

**General Assistance:**

The Selectmen voted to adopt the General Assistance Appendices A-D for 2018-2019. These appendices list the maximum monthly benefits in various support categories for which the State will reimburse.

**Ordinance Discussion:**

Based on recent discussions with a property owner who needs to correct a violation, the Selectmen discussed the need to understand the historic use of the property to determine its status at the time the ordinance was changed, which affects how it can be used going forward.

**Hazard Trees:**

The Selectmen discussed the miraculous righting of two trees that were damaged in last October's storm and the need to speak about next steps with the tree service that has been hired to take them down.

**Pesticide Bill:**

Paul Schlein notified us that a provision is presently under consideration in the federal Farm Bill that would prevent local governments from restricting pesticide use. Arrowsic passed an ordinance many years ago that banned pesticide use by the State to control vegetation growth on the sides of the road. Because our ordinance was the will of the people as voted at Town Meeting, the Selectmen agreed to sign on in support of an opposing bill. We will also contact our state and federal officials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard