

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

August 13, 2012

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant # 3 (\$10,068.84) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Citizen's United Letter:

The Selectmen signed a letter to our elected representatives (Senators Snowe and Collins, Representative Pingree) informing them of the passing of the Citizens United warrant article in Arrowsic and urging them to act swiftly on our behalf.

Update-Sewall Pond Rope Swing:

The Selectmen received an email from a woman whose daughter was injured using the rope swing at the town property on Sewall Pond. She requested that the rope be removed. The Sewall Pond area is the purview of the Conservation Committee who recently cut the rope only to have it re-appear. The Selectmen will recommend to the committee that they install signage warning of the potential danger. The Committee is presently preparing signage regarding the control of dogs in the area.

Website and Minutes:

The Town has not been able to consistently produce and post meeting minutes to the website. Paul Kalkstein is redesigning the site to make it easier to post and the Selectmen have been working to get the minutes written and approved in a more timely manner. Bill will speak to Paul about what next steps are.

Town Hall Furnace and Fuel:

At the June town meeting, a warrant article was approved to budget \$5,000 for the replacement of the furnace at Town Hall. Rob Schultz has been working on this with Randy Kaplan at M.W. Sewall. Rob recommends a two-stage furnace that will provide increased efficiency and comfort. Questions regarding the warranty were discussed. The Selectmen also agreed to use propane instead of heating oil. We have a propane tank at the fire station, which could feed the Town Hall if a line is run between the two buildings. This would eliminate the need for the installation of additional tanks. Dick Elwell has agreed to dig a trench for the line for \$100. The Selectmen will continue to work to facilitate this project.

Propane Contract:

A group of Arrowsic citizens has formed a cooperative buying group and negotiated a favorable price per gallon for propane from M.W. Sewall. The Selectmen voted to join the group and sign on for \$2.20 per gallon for the upcoming year. Sukey signed a contract for 1900 gallons.

Arrow Articles:

General discussion of how the Selectmen could use the Arrow more effectively to inform the town of issues. Perhaps a link to the RSU meeting minutes would be of interest.

RSU Budget Allocation Committee:

Sukey and Karen Robbins are the Arrowsic representatives on this committee, which seeks to determine a more equitable allocation method of the RSU budget among the member towns. The discussions are still preliminary with some towns still aggrieved at being unfairly assessed in the past. Bill will try to attend an upcoming meeting.

Shellfish Warden Appointment:

The Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Jon Hentz as Arrowsic Shellfish Warden. Agreeing that Jon has done great work on behalf of the Town and has not received a pay increase (ever?), the Selectmen decided to look into it for the next warrant.

Tax Maps:

The Selectmen agreed that the tax maps need to be updated this year. Aerial Surveys is the company who has done this job in the past. Sukey will contact them to determine what information is needed for them to redraw the maps.

Mail:

Three property transfers arrived from the State, for which deeds will need to be printed.

Minutes:

No minutes to review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard