

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

March 13, 2017

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald, Bill Van Tuinen, Bill Blaiklock, Lis Margonelli

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant #16 (\$58,826.74) was reviewed, approved and signed.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 02/28/17 were reviewed and approved as amended.

**Town-wide Revaluation Contract:**

The Selectmen met with Bill Van Tuinen, whose eponymous firm has been awarded the contract to perform the town-wide property revaluation. Several issues were discussed including timetable, insurance requirements, billing process, communication schedule, and bonding. Mr. Van Tuinen will prepare an initial letter that will explain the process. The Selectmen will take responsibility for distribution of the letter to property owners. The Selectmen voted to sign the contract, which was done forthwith.

**Arrowsic Clam Farm:**

Bill Blaiklock and Lisa Margonelli attended the meeting representing the Shellfish Conservation Committee. They have been working with Manomet, a not-for-profit organization based in Brunswick, that seeks to use science to solve pressing environmental and sustainability issues. Manomet supports an aquaculture model to increase the viability of clam harvesting and is interested in investing in a clam farm at Arrowsic's Squirrel Point flats. Bill and Lisa described the proposed relationship among Manomet, the Town and a locally licensed harvester interested in the three-year commitment. Bill has modified an MOU and presented it to the Selectmen as a starting point for the discussion. The Selectmen were unanimous in their willingness for the Shellfish Committee to continue working with all parties towards an agreement.

**Annual Town Report:**

The Selectmen discussed the schedule for the production of the Town Report. Sukey will notify the committee chairs regarding the due dates for their reports and budget requests. Bill will review his notes from last year regarding changes to the report format. The Selectmen need to determine what additional warrant articles are needed in addition to those included each year. There was a discussion regarding to whom the Town Report might be dedicated this year.

**Properties Committee:**

Matt Stelzer wrote to indicate that his responsibilities at work were preventing him from being able to allot the time needed to be the chair of the properties committee. He included a thorough run down of the most acute maintenance issues and his thoughts on how to handle them.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Brian Carlton, our local emergency management officer, submitted a copy of the Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan which must be adopted by all the towns in the county. The Selectmen reviewed the plan and voted to adopt, as recommended by Brian.

**Technology:**

Bill continues to invest a lot of time in maintaining our IT footprint. The most recent purchase, a printer for the Trio computer, has been working well. Bill discussed several possible scenarios to deal with our surplus equipment, including a computer, printer, and several toner cartridges. He plans to offer it within the Town and if no takers, donate to Goodwill.

**Mail:**

Notifications received for annual meetings of Maine's First Ship (March 18) and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (April 6).

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard