

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

May 13, 2013

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald  
Michael Kreindler, Andrew Cushing

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant # 20 (\$4,985.69) was reviewed, approved and signed.

**RSU 1 Warrant:**

The Selectmen signed the RSU1 Warrant and Notice of Election for the June 4 validation vote. The Constable, Chris Cummings, will post.

**Town Report:**

Andrew Cushing, who is the Town Report editor attended and the corrections to the report were reviewed. Mike Kreindler also worked with Andrew on the graphic design of cover and title page.

**Trio Upgrade:**

The Selectmen voted to approve the purchase of an upgrade to the town Trio software program which will allow the Tax Collector to access current "Red Book" values of vehicles for her registration process. The cost is \$600 for the upgrade and an annual maintenance fee of \$400 per year.

**Arrow Publication:**

The Selectmen continued the discussion of the most appropriate form of publication for the Arrow given the cost and apparent inefficiency of paper publication and mailing. We continue to want the widest possible public dissemination of information and do not want to exclude people who may not be digitally connected. The Selectmen will meet with Quinn Blaiklock, Editor, to discuss options.

**General Assistance Contributions:**

General Assistance funds currently come from surplus. This year there was a higher need than in recent memory. There had been a suggestion that the Town establish a fund that people could contribute to, which would have less rigorous requirements than General Assistance. Mary described a Georgetown fund that is administered through the Community Center and the church. The Selectmen discussed the complexities of running a public charity and the difficult decisions involved in fairly administering aid. The Selectmen decided to continue our process as is for the time being.

**Burn Permit Procedure:**

Based on confusion and a perceived lack of information regarding the procedure to obtain a burn permit in town, the Selectmen and AVFD wrote clear guidelines, which will be published on the website, sent out on the Google group and included in the Arrow.

**Town Center Speed Limit:**

The Selectmen have been lobbying to establish a 35 mph speed limit on Route 127 in the vicinity of the "Town Center" near Town Hall and Old Stage Road intersection. This is common throughout the State and we believe would make it safer for vehicles entering and exiting in that area. Various communications with elected officials have not produced any results but Sukey was able to make a strong proposal to a highly placed MDOT official so we are more hopeful that we may hear some news in the near future.

**Fire Department Needs:**

Fire Chief Chris Cummings is concerned about the large volume of mandates that he is made aware of that regulate various aspects of the Fire Department, like training and equipment. In many cases, no consideration is given to the size of the department, so the expectations for Arrowsic are the same as those for Auburn. The Selectmen discussed how Arrowsic should attempt to comply with these State and federal requirements and how we can help Chris structure his department to more efficiently handle the volume of work. The Selectmen also discussed improving the communications capabilities at the fire station. Bill will follow up.

**Student Count:**

Sukey has been working with her contacts at RSU1 to nail down the correct student count for Arrowsic to ensure that our education budget assessment is correct.

**Education Review Committee:**

Sukey reported that there has been good progress in the formation of this committee and Lisa Holley held a recent meeting that attracted several strong potential members. The Selectmen will continue to support Lisa's efforts.

**Public Hearing**

A Public Hearing is scheduled on May 23 at Town Hall for review of the Planning Board's two recommended changes to the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance. One involves correcting the spelling of several invasive species and the other recommends the allowance of a small shed-like building for some properties in the Shoreland Zone. The Selectmen will also review several non-standard warrant articles that will affect the overall amount to be raised through taxes.

**Mail:**

A letter was received from RSU1 that codifies the change in the education funding formula as approved in the district-wide vote in March.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 4/22/13 were approved as amended. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard