

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

January 14, 2013

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary McDonald  
Nancy Sferra, Michael Kreindler, Lisa Holley, Janet Kiehl

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant # 12 (\$3,059.97) and #12A (\$74,533.40) were reviewed, approved and signed. Mary paid several necessary invoices (#12) since the December meeting based on a previous vote giving her that authorization.

**Orthoimagery:**

The Town is presently using orthographic imagery supplied by the State to enhance certain administrative functions. The imagery is based on aerial images shot 10 years ago with 1 square foot resolution (each color pixel represents one square foot). The State is updating the maps and 2 square foot resolution will be offered free to towns. For an added fee, we can increase the resolution to 1 foot (\$2,500) or 6 inches (\$3,000). The Conservation Committee and Roads Commission have been contacted to determine if the images are used or would be used to accomplish their work. Neither committee indicated a need or desire for the technology. Nancy Sferra, who uses GIS extensively in her job and Michael Kreindler, who uses it as CEO, spoke in support of the technology. A decision is required by the end of January so the Selectmen will revisit the issue at the next meeting. Nancy volunteered to check whether MEGIS has recent 6" resolution photos of Arrowsic in their files.

**Education Review Committee:**

Lisa Holley and Janet Kiehl attended the meeting to further discuss plans for a town committee that would be a forum for the discussion of educational matters. After the RSU came into being, and the Town's School Committee was disbanded in the expectation it would be replaced by a School Advisory Group, the Selectmen have been concerned that education issues and student tracking has not been adequately or consistently addressed. At the Select Board's request, Lisa drafted terms of reference for an Education Review Committee that would take on these responsibilities. She has reviewed a purpose and scope document with the Selectmen, which will be posted on the website. The Selectmen voted in the affirmative to authorize the formation of the committee and the recruitment of members.

**Tax Abatement:**

The Selectmen approved and signed a property tax abatement of \$122.51 for the 2012 tax year for Donald Kornrumpf, Map 2, Lot 17-1, based on an incorrectly identified porch.

**Policies and Procedures:**

Several policies approved at previous meetings were reviewed in their final format and filed.

**Properties Management:**

The Selectmen discussed the need to move forward on several projects: exterior patching in the basement, fixing the drainage on the north side of the building impacting the siding and the wooden stairway, and the repair and improvement of the exterior informational kiosk/bulletin board. Michele will email Rob Shultz to determine his interest in these projects.

**Freedom of Access Certification:**

Sukey reminded Michele and Bill of the need to certify their knowledge of the Maine freedom of Information and access to public documentation laws, which must be done on-line. She will send the link.

**Town Report:**

Michele is working with Andrew Cushing, the new town report editor, and discussed the schedule for production and completion. The committee reports will be due April 1. The Selectmen will send a letter to the committees introducing Andrew and setting the dates.

**Property Tax Information:**

Core Logic, a publically traded company with a market capitalization of \$2.63 billion that markets property information, mostly to the banking sector, contacted Trio to get digital copies of Arrowsic property tax information. Trio does not have access to our info so Sukey has told them they must contact the town for a printed taxpayer list (\$10.00).

**Motor Vehicle Audit Report:**

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles performed an audit of the Town's vehicle registration process and documentation, which is the responsibility of Liz Rollins, our Tax Collector. Their report praised the methodology, consistency and quality of the record keeping. Many thanks to Liz for running such a tight ship.

**Selectmen Secretary:**

For about a year, the Selectmen have been performing the note-taking duties at our meetings. The Town Clerk previously handled this but family duties no longer allow her to make the Monday evening meetings. The Selectmen discussed whether the Town is entitled to the checks and balances of having a person, not a member of the board, report the meeting. The Selectmen discussed the level of stipend that would be required for someone to attend two 2-3 hour meetings per month and produce the records. Sukey will make some inquiries and report back at our next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Bill worked with Paul Kalkstein to post the calendar of town events on the website.
- Sukey asked Michael Kreindler to forward the digital version of the new tax maps to Paul for posting on the website.
- Sukey spoke to our contact at Fairpoint about the slow speed of Internet connectivity in certain areas of the island. He has passed that info on to Bruce Ballantine, Director of Operations. Sukey agreed to send the information to Bill who will follow up with him.
- Sukey has contacted Lincoln County Animal Shelter to request that they recalculate our annual fee based on correct census data.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 12/10/12 were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard