

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

October 24, 2016

Present: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Christine Woodman, Susan Fenn, Bill Nickerson, Phine Ewing
6:00 pm

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #8 (\$44,300.85) was reviewed, approved and signed. The Selectmen approved the payment of \$166,988 to Sagadahoc County for the annual tax for 2016-2017.

Minutes:

Minutes for the Selectmen's meeting on October 10, 2016 were approved as amended.

Revaluation Clarification Session:

The Selectmen held open a period of time starting at 6:30 to provide clarification for firms intending to present a bid to perform the Arrowsic revaluation. None appeared so the session was closed.

Local Health Officer:

Christine Woodman attended the meeting to bring the Selectmen up to date on her activities. She now has an Arrowsic.org email account. She is interested in finding an organized way to display public health information at the Town Hall and is pursuing a plexiglass brochure holder. Has become a Basic Life Support instructor and would like to train members of the fire department. Is planning a blood pressure clinic at Arrowsic Fall Festival and thinking about a flu shot clinic next year. Discussion of brown tail moth information provided to the Town by the State and how to make it available to residents.

Shellfish Conservation Committee:

The Selectmen approved the appointment of the following members for the indicated terms: Bill Blaiklock, Gretchen MacLeod, Phil Packard (2017), Paul Burgess, Lisa Margonelli (2018), Kevin Kauffunger (alt.), Steven Theodore (alt.) (2019).

Committee Appointments and Terms:

The Selectmen discussed the need to institute a better system to organize committee appointments and terms. There is an appointment log book which has been spottily maintained over the years. Suggested that Selectmen solicit committee changes in April with committee reports for Town Report. Members could then be reappointed en masse unless they have asked to be taken off. With this in mind, the Selectmen will ask our incoming Town Clerk to recommend a policy.

Properties Committee:

Matt Stelzer has agreed to take on a leadership role on the Properties Committee. The Selectmen invited the new committee members to their next meeting to discuss the committee mandate. Sukey reported that Mark Jorgensen offered to re-calk and re-glaze the Town Hall windows this summer. The Selectmen discussed whether this would be a good time to install more energy efficient glass.

Conservation Committee:

Phine Ewing attended from the Conservation Committee to discuss a committee response to the recent proposal to change net metering rates for residential solar installations. While cautious about taking a stance on the issue, the committee is considering a letter to the editor in the Times Record. The Selectmen felt it is within their committee mandate to opine on the issue.

Education Committee:

The Education Committee is presently at 4 members out of 5. They have asked whether it is imperative to be at full strength or if they can function short-handed until a suitable candidate is identified. The Selectmen felt it was most important to find the right person. The Selectmen discussed whether there was still a desire to fold the Scholarship Committee into the Education Committee and determined to ask Jeremy Blaiklock from the Scholarship Committee to attend the December 12 Selectmen's meeting to discuss.

Sand Lot:

Susan Fenn and Bill Nickerson, the owners of the property abutting the sand lot, attended the meeting to discuss their offer to buy the property and the issues they have encountered with their title insurance. The Selectmen will pursue three inquiries with our attorney; is a warranty deed from the Town possible; can we draw up a consent agreement that requires combination of properties in 5 years; is combining the lots for tax purposes sufficient? Sukey will contact Kristin and keep us informed.

Assessing Update:

Our assessing agent will be in town next Thursday to update property records in Trio, including property changes, and run the tax commitment ahead of sending out the tax bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard