

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

September 24, 2018

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Brian Carlton (LEMO), Don Kornrumpf

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant #6 (\$55,126.52) was reviewed, approved and signed.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 09/10/18 were reviewed and clarifications suggested.

**Recycling/Solid Waste Contract:**

The R/SW Committee recommended that the Selectmen sign a new contract with Pinetree/Casella for disposal of recycling and solid waste. Contract runs 7/1/18-6/30/19. Price for solid waste is \$70 per ton. Recycling cost is variable month to month based on recovery pricing. For several reasons, the cost trend has recently reversed and now recycling costs the town more than solid waste disposal.

**Emergency Survey:**

Brian Carlton, our local emergency management officer, discussed a survey he created that he would like to include with the tax bills in the November mailing. The survey would seek to identify town residents who may need special attention in the event of an emergency. The Selectmen approved the survey. On the reverse side, Brian suggested a request for volunteers to staff the fire station in case a water supply/warming station was needed. The Selectmen decided that until a set of criteria was developed outlining under what circumstances the fire station would open, we would not solicit volunteers.

Brian also reported that Arrowsic's FEMA request for October storm damage reimbursement was among the first submitted and approved. Brian is waiting for the check.

**Age-Friendly Survey:**

The Selectmen received a request from the age-friendly group in Georgetown to include their survey in the tax bills, also. The Selectmen decided that, given the number of inserts already planned, and the potential increase in postage, we would recommend that the survey be disseminated through the Arrowsic website as a .pdf.

**Arrowsic.org Email Addresses:**

There have been problems with all the arrowsic.org email addresses due to changes in the account services from GoDaddy. We presently have approximately 9 addresses. GoDaddy offers them at \$6.00 for five addresses on a monthly basis. The Selectmen recommended we pay \$12 for 10 on a 3-month trial basis. Sukey will contact our web master to discuss further.

**Selectman Resignation:**

The Selectmen received a letter of resignation from Selectman Bill Savedoff due to changes in his personal circumstances, which was regrettably accepted. The effective date will be December 31, 2018, so an early December special Town Meeting and election is planned. A letter will be drafted to notify the town and request nominations for a replacement.

**Tax Bill Mailing:**

So far there are three inserts planned: the assessing declaration, the emergency survey (see above), and a reminder from the Selectmen regarding special town meeting for Selectman election.

**Arrowsic Arrow:**

The Selectmen discussed a recurring issue with the printing of the Arrow. Although most residents receive and read the Arrow on-line, we continue to print approximately 40 multi-page copies on the Town Hall copy machine to send to people who have requested it. There is a cost associated with this both in terms of postage and wear and tear on the town hall copier, which often mis-feeds during this job. The Selectmen will look into the cost of having the Arrow printed at Bath Printing or Staples.

**Bridged Islands Broadband:**

The Selectmen received a request that Arrowsic join Georgetown and Southport in approval to support the next phase of legal work needed to move this program forward, up to a possible \$2,500. Don Kornrumpf attended the meeting representing the group, to indicate that they are actively pursuing grant funding so the actual cost should be much less. There has already been a special town meeting where there was unanimous support to approve an initial \$5,000 for the group. The Selectmen plan to use the legal services budget for this next phase.

**Sewall Pond:**

The Selectmen received advice from MMA regarding communicating dangers at the Sewall Pond swimming area. They had already opined on this subject in 2009 when similar issues were brought to their attention. In their opinion taking down the swing and posting signs warning of dangers does not negatively affect the Town's liability.

**Humane Society:**

The Selectmen signed a contract with MidCoast Humane Society for services related to animal control. The contract term is through 6/30/2019 at a price of \$1.15 per person (427).

**Mail:**

- The Town received another award from MMA for our 2018 Town Report. This one was deemed in the "Superior" category. Many thanks to Laurie Holland for her work.
- Maine Revenue Services released a preliminary 2019 town valuation of \$90,050,000, which is down from \$92,500,000 in 2018. With this valuation, our assessed value is at 74%, prior to the reval.
- MMA Business Meeting on October 3. Sukey is the official town voter and plans to attend.
- Received and signed the warrant for the RSU1 election on November 6 for election of two unrestricted board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard