

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

September 24, 2012

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Michael Kreindler, Lisa Holley

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant # 6 (\$45,683.44) was reviewed, approved and signed.

**SAG Request re RSU1 Membership:**

Lisa Holley, representing Arrowsic School Advisory Group, offered to bring together a group to investigate the pros and cons of continued membership in RSU1. There is a 22-step process for withdrawal outlined in the legislation. Several towns, including Wiscasset, are pursuing the option. We are in a unique position because we have no schools in town. It would mean that Arrowsic would go back to paying tuition per student rather than a share of the total RSU budget based on a formula. The Selectmen will make a written request that details what information we are looking for from SAG. Initially, the request will be limited in scope to give the group the opportunity to form and work together.

**CEO Report:**

Michael reported to the Selectmen on a cutting violation that he is managing on the south end of the island. A local landscaper has been selected to stabilize and remediate the vegetation. Although the Selectmen do not see the need for a consent agreement at this time based on the present level of communication and cooperation, we will continue to monitor the case and revisit that decision as needed.

**Town Hall Furnace Project:**

Michael has been filling in for Rob Schultz on this project. The installation of the new furnace is scheduled for October 9. Dick Elwell will dig the trench for the propane line from the Little Barn. The old oil tank will be pumped out and removed from the basement to free up space for storage. Michael offered the remaining oil in the tank to members of the Fire Department at \$3.00 per gallon. Chief Chris Cummings is the only person who requested it. M.W. Sewall will deliver it to Chris's house in Woolwich. The tank will be offered for sale on Craigslist. There is some cleaning and organization required in the basement to get ready for the installation. Sukey and Michael will pull that together during the next two weeks.

**Town Computer/Wireless Update:**

Bill has been reviewing the files and software on both computers and moving what's needed to the White Dell. Regarding the GIS software and files, there appears to be only one GIS "project", which is a photo of the town with various overlays. The Selectmen discussed the feasibility of moving to more digitized storage of documents and data and how to appropriately store and secure the information.

Bill bought a new modem for WIFI but could use some help setting it up. The Selectmen discussed how to structure the internet access, whether from Fairpoint or DSL, also whether it should be password protected or open access.

**Town Report Editor:**

Michele wrote a list of essential tasks for a person to prepare the Town Report now that Larry Wilson will no longer be doing it. It has been reviewed and approved by Sukey and Bill. Michele will add a general job description, time frame for work and stipend amount. The warrant article specified \$3,000 for preparation of report which includes all printing and incidental expenses. Michele will contact Mary to determine how much is able to be allocated to salary. The finished job description will be posted on the Arrowsic website, published in the Bowdoin digest, and emailed to the Arrowsic Google list and hopefully we'll attract a qualified, experienced person to the job.

**Process of Receiving and Recording Property Transfers:**

There has been a change to the way the Town receives information regarding property transfers. We used to get a copy of the deed mailed from the County Registrar of Deeds and a copy of the State Transfer Tax form mailed from the State. Once both were received, Michele added them to the transfer list and filed in the Transfer Book in Town Hall and the property file. Recently, the County has changed the process. Now they email the Town Clerk a list of deeds which Sukey accesses on-line and prints and for which we are charged \$.50 per page for processing. The Selectmen discussed various scenarios where important assessing information could be missed or properties created (and missed) that are in violation of the zoning ordinances. A timely review by a trained assessor could prevent problems but presently the Town only uses our consulting assessor to help us review new construction and additions, and assist in the final commitment of taxes.

**Mail:**

A proposed contract for snow shoveling was received from Jorgensen. The price is the same as last year, \$35 per visit. The Selectmen voted to sign the contract but Sukey will call and ask if not having to shovel a path to the oil fill would reduce the amount.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for 9/10/12 were approved as written. Sukey will send to Paul Kalkstein to post on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard