

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

September 25, 2017

Present: Sukey Heard, Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald

**Treasurer's Report and Warrant:**

Warrant # 6 (\$7,757.83) was reviewed, approved and signed. Mary indicated that RSU1 has reported a larger than expected education subsidy causing a decrease in the overall education cost to the Town of \$7,800. This will reduce the November tax commitment by that amount.

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes for 09/11/17 was tabled due to an email snafu.

**Public Hearing General Assistance Maximums:**

The Selectmen temporarily adjourned the Selectmen's meeting at 6:30 pm and opened a public hearing to vote on the General Assistance maximums as mandated by the State. There was no representation from the public or public comment so the Selectmen reviewed the documentation and voted to accept the maximums. The hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

**Revaluation Update:**

We are having issues acquiring the real estate sketch program requested by Bill van Tuinen to aid in the documentation of property. It is presently not available from Trio (which seems odd to the Selectmen). Mr. van Tuinen prepared a status report (attached) indicating that property visits for the purpose of measuring and listing have been accomplished for approximately 74% of town properties.

**Financial Management Procedure:**

Selectman Savedoff has been working on the Town's financial management procedures as outlined by the Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk adding formatting and clarification. The Selectmen reviewed the document with Mary McDonald and made several additions and changes. Bill will tidy up the document for one more review at the next meeting.

**Special Town Meeting:**

The Selectmen set a date for the Special Town Meeting for Thursday, October 19 (later amended to Tuesday, October 17) to vote on whether to join the towns of Georgetown and Southport to fund a study to determine the cost and feasibility of improving internet service on our bridged islands, at a cost of \$5,000 for each town. The Island Institute is also a partner.

**Brown Tail Caterpillars:**

After the State contacted local health officers regarding the possibility of declaring brown tail caterpillar a public health nuisance in the town, Christine Woodman investigated and found the only consequence would be permitting the town to pursue aerial spraying. With only anecdotal information about the scope and severity of the problem, the Selectmen decided not to pursue the matter.

**Town Administrator:**

Bill continues to gather information with the intent of proposing a change to the administrative structure of Arrowsic. He reported on conversations with Mike Young, former Phippsburg Town Administrator, Georgetown's Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Amanda Campbell, Barbara Boyce and Art Dresser regarding how best to accomplish the administrative tasks of the town. If possible, the Selectmen would like to schedule an open meeting with residents before the first of the year to receive input on several proposals.

**Computer Stories:**

Bill indicated that he has not yet purchased the new laptop for the Town Clerk. There was a discussion of the options to buy or rent Microsoft Office with the Selectmen leaning towards renting at \$100 per year, which includes updating as needed.

**Mail:**

The most recent town report, production overseen by Laurie Holland, was awarded a prize for excellence by MMA for towns within our population group. This is our second award in as many years. Great job, Laurie!

Arrowsic received notification of our aggregate property valuation from the Maine State Department of Revenue. We are presently valued at \$92,500,000 by the State making our assessed value at 72.5%.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard