

Arrowsic Selectman's Meeting

August 26, 2013

6:00 pm

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald

Bill Blaiklock, Michael Kreindler

Warrant & Treasurer's Report

Warrant #4 for \$43,953.77 was reviewed approved and signed.

Shellfish License Issue

Bill Blaiklock, Chair of the Shellfish Conservation Committee, reported an issue with a disgruntled clammer from Woolwich who did not get an Arrowsic commercial shellfish harvesting license this year. Last year he had purchased one midway through the year and purported not to be aware that new licenses were issued in January. He tried to purchase a license in August and was told that our yearly quota had already been assigned. This upset him greatly and caused a fracas at the Town Hall. Bill called him on the phone but was not able to appease him. Bill wanted the Selectmen to be aware of the issue in case further actions are taken.

Shellfish Conservation Committee Future

While he was at the meeting Bill also talked about the future of the committee. Bill and Phil Packard have been on the committee since its inception and would like to turn the reins over to others. The mission of the committee is to monitor the local shellfish resources and control the issuance of commercial and recreational harvesting licenses. If the Town does not do this, the State will take over the administration of the flats and we will lose local control. Bill outlined several scenarios for finding new people or potentially merging the committee with another town committee. Bill and the Selectmen will continue the discussion.

Town Clerk Transition

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Jennifer Hall based on a letter dated July 3, 2013. Jennifer will continue in the position until September 1. The Selectmen voted to approve the appointment of Linda Warner of Indian Rest Road to fill out the remainder of Jennifer's term to June 30, 2014.

Registrar

Jennifer has also resigned as town registrar and Sukey reported that according to State law, an appointment to that post is necessary by September 15. Several people have expressed interest so we will move expeditiously to bring someone on board.

Code Enforcement Activity

Michael Kreindler reported on several codes related issues involving tree cutting activities in the Shoreland zone. He also outlined his actions subsequent to a recently received letter from the Department of Marine Resources. The DMR surveyed the Shoreland properties in Arrowsic in July 2011. In the course of their survey they discovered three properties with potentially substandard wastewater treatment systems. They requested that Michael investigate the properties, report his findings, facilitate corrections where necessary and report the corrected conditions. The properties were Map 3, Lot 2, Map 3, Lot 6-1, and Map 3, Lot 1.

Arrowsic Arrow

The Selectmen have been in discussion with Quinn Blaiklock, the editor of the Arrow, regarding the most efficient publishing method. Although the decision has been made to move to a digital format, we will be sending out one more issue by US mail. After this issue, residents may continue to receive a copy by mail if they request it. Otherwise it will be posted on the website and emailed to the Google list.

Fire Department Building Maintenance

The Selectmen followed up on MMA Risk Management's request that the back door at the fire station have a proper landing and steps to facilitate egress. Sukey will contact Steven Theodore, the building architect, to determine what building code requirements apply, if any.

Minutes

Minutes approved for July 8, July 21, and August 12

Mail

- We received a survey from MMA regarding the effect on the Town of bank property foreclosures.
- Maine Department of Transportation wants to know how the annual MDOT funds were spent by Arrowsic. Michele always assumed that the MDOT funds were to cover the town's plowing expenses for the State roads (Route 127) but apparently they insist that they be spent on capital improvement projects like paving. Sukey will speak with Jim Stump to determine what should be reported.
- Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife provided forms to nominate Linda Warner to act as their agent for issuing hunting and fishing licenses.
- The town was reimbursed \$514 from a safety enhancement grant for the purchase of fire department gear.
- The town received a \$555 rebate from MMA Risk Management & Services.
- We were informed that the State Circuit Breaker Program has been discontinued but the Property Tax Fairness Credit Program will be available next year for property owners with less than \$40,000 annual income. The benefits cap will be \$400 towards their property tax balance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard