

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

March 28, 2016

Present: Bill Savedoff, Michele Gaillard, Mary McDonald, Mark Aukeman

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #18 (\$4,776.03) was reviewed, approved, and signed.

Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband Committee (A-GBC):

Mark Aukeman, a member of the A-GBC stopped by to report on the activities of the committee to improve internet access on the peninsula. At this point, the options seem to be fiber optics or fixed wireless connections. Each has its plusses and minuses including cost, infrastructure, funding, and obsolescence. Mark asked for a letter from the Selectmen as was provided from Georgetown, to show broad support for their efforts. The Selectmen voted to send the letter. There was also a discussion of a warrant article at Town Meeting that would authorize the Select Board or Planning Board to look into the issues and report back to the Town. The Selectmen will review possible language.

Abatement:

The Selectmen voted to issue a tax abatement for Map 3/Lot 10 for \$97.28 due to a Homestead Exemption omission.

State Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement:

Treasurer Mary McDonald recommended that signing this document be tabled until next meeting.

Animal Shelter Contract:

The Selectmen reviewed and voted to sign the contract with Lincoln County Animal Shelter for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Sagadahoc Budget:

The Sagadahoc County Administrator, Pam Hile sent a copy of the draft budget for 2016-2017. The expense allocation of the town of Arrowsic has increased from 1.9% of the budget to 2% (\$163,126 to \$166,783).

Treasurer's Computer Software:

The Treasurer has a new laptop and needs to install the accounting software, which was called Peachtree but has been upgraded and is now called Sage 50C Premium. Bill recommends that we purchase the Traditional Plan which is a one-time \$599. Mary indicated that the software should meet our needs for at least 4-5 years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard