

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

May 28, 2018

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Michael Kreindler, Mary McDonald, John T. Voorhees, Annette Kicken, Bob Stevens, Malcolm Persen, 3BI: Ken Hnottavange-Telleen, Don Kornrumph, Mark Aukeman, Carlos Barrionuevo, Nancy Prisk

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #22 (\$55,071.29) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Minutes:

Minutes for 05/12/18 (special) and 5/14/18 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Review of Violations at Kicken Lot-Mill Island:

Annette Kicken, property owner, was accompanied by her lawyer, John Voorhees, and contractor Bob Stevens. Mr. Voorhees initially sought to understand the process by confirming that if he were not satisfied with the decisions of the Select Board, he would be able to go before the Arrowsic Zoning Board of Appeals to request a variance and eventually to the Superior Court. CEO Michael Kreindler indicated that the hardship conditions for a variance were very strict. The Selectmen asked that we start the process with negotiation towards a consent agreement in order to come to an agreement between the property owner and the Town.

Annette described her husband's discovery of Arrowsic and his attachment to the island and his house. To him, the house was a carefully curated piece of art that in her opinion should not be tampered with. Mr. Voorhees listed the 15 structures that were non-compliant in the Shoreland Zone or unpermitted and indicated that they were willing to remove most of them but would like to retain three that they believe are intrinsic to the aesthetic of the house and property: 1.) the curved portion of the east deck, 2.) the portion of the north deck that is less than 100 feet from the shore, and 3.) the wooden walkway and amphitheater between the house and the shore.

Mr. Voorhees indicated there were several possibilities as to why the house was built closer to the high water mark than was indicated on the plan submitted to the Town. He said that the surveyor, Pat Harty, suggested that the extra 14 feet could have eroded over the ensuing 25 years, shortening the distance between the house and the water. Mr. Voorhees said that he has spoken with the original architect, Jozef Tara, who told him that he and Dave Foster, the CEO at the time, staked out the foundation together and Dave approved the location, although there is no evidence in the file of that and Dave was very careful about indicating on each permit issued that no structures were to be closer than 100 feet from the high water line.

The group discussed what constitutes a structure in terms of the removal of the wooden walkway and replacement with pea stone, crushed shells, mulch or wood chips. Mr. Voorhees offered that if Ms. Kicken was able to keep the curved deck and walkway, he was confident that he could convince her to remove the small portion of the north deck.

The Selectmen asked that Mr. Voorhees produce some verification of Joe Tara's statement that Dave Foster had knowingly approved the location of the house in violation of the 100 foot set back.

The Selectmen verified that Ms. Kicken presently has the house on the market and that these violations need to be settled to facilitate a sale.

3BI Broadband Committee Progress Report:

Several members of the committee attended the meeting to update the Selectboard of their progress. The engineering and cost study performed by Axiom has concluded including financial projections of the scope of the investment needed to complete the project to bring high-speed internet to every household in the three towns using fiber. Total construction cost is just over \$5,000,000. With a "take rate" of 50%, Axiom projections show enough revenue to cover operational costs and provide cash flow to service anticipated debt funding for the \$5,000,000 capital cost. The committee discussed several potential configurations of ownership and operations. Historically, all the towns are cautious about funding projects through debt and with that in mind the committee hopes to come up with an organizational structure that will be palatable to the Towns since the project will need to be approved by all towns at Town Meetings.

Properties Committee:

Malcolm Persen provided an update to the Selectmen on the siding replacement project at Town Hall. He has met with Ed Blaiklock and they have discussed the project in detail. Malcolm is comfortable with the methodology and has instituted a process to review and monitor progress to ensure that we are well informed of work v. budget. Ed plans to start the job this coming Monday and is aware of the need for the building to be open on Tuesday 6/12/18 for the election, and Wednesdays and Thursdays for office hours. Malcolm plans to continue to remove extraneous wiring as they come across it. There was a discussion of replacement of the front door and providing some natural light in the vestibule. The Selectmen moved and voted to formally appoint Malcolm as Chair of the Properties Committee

BMV Agent Transfer:

In anticipation of his election to the Tax Collector position, Jon Biehler has received training to become an agent of the BMV with the authority to issue license plates. There is a 6-month probationary period so in the meantime, Jon can collect the excise tax but car owners will need to go to another town to get their plates. The Selectmen approved the form to transfer the Arrowsic license to Jon.

Freedom of Access Officer:

Town Clerk, Barbara Boyce, was nominated and approved as the Arrowsic Freedom of Access Officer.

RSU1 Warrant:

The Selectmen received the notice of election and signed the warrant for the budget validation referendum to be held on Tuesday, 6/12/18.

Arrowsic 2018 Town Meeting Warrant:

The Selectmen signed copies of the 2018 warrant for Town Meeting, which will be posted at Town Hall, the Fire Station and on the website.

Lincoln County Animal Shelter Contract:

Head Selectman Sukey Heard signed the contract for services at \$427 for the year.

Tree Removal:

The Selectmen have been trying to get the leaning tree(s) at the Little Barn removed since the October storm. Sukey has engaged several local contractors with no action to date. She requested and received a quote of \$8,500 from Driscoll Tree Service, which seemed high so will contact several others that have been recommended.

TRIO Update:

Jon Biehler, Barbara Boyce, and Liz Rollins will be attending the BMV training to register cars using TRIO on June 27 & 28. Burgess Technology Services fixed the Windows 10 glitch for \$300.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard