

## **ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

July 16, 2024

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Clarke Cooper, Jesse Nankin McMahon, Priscilla Tucker, Carla Weeks

The meeting, held in person, was called to order by Phine at 5:35 PM.

### **Minutes:**

Approved as amended, Phine to make corrections

### **Mail:**

- Bill dated 6/20 for May water quality testing (Invoice 10176861)
- Bill from Maine Resource Recovery Association. Balance due \$115- possibly for recycling and solid waste?
- KELT letters, for Phine and Jod asking for comments in KELT's accreditation application. Phine will circulate a draft if one materializes.

### **Hybrid Meetings:**

- Climate action group suggesting that we might use leftover budget to facilitate hybrid meetings for all committees.
- Reviewed list of hybrid meeting suggestions.
- Clarke thinks it would be good not to have them
- Jesse thinks they are good for accessibility
- Cost prohibitive to fulfill all requirements on list
- KELT had a great set up- perhaps we can ask them for details

### **Water Quality:**

- Phine 8/20

### **Conservation Area:**

- CW to ask Maryanne re concerns on their property.
- Maybe a second peg-rail on other side of pond?
- Fishing line problems- a lot found discarded on 127 side.

Clean up:

- Prilla 7/20
- Jesse 7/27
- Clarke 8/3
- Carla 8/10
- Prilla 8/17

ACA signs:

- Carla to make dawn till dusk sign
- Road commission to pay for no parking signs (4 on east side and 4 on west). Phine will ask Carrots Signs

#### **August Bioblitz:**

- Prilla will wait to contribute in the next Arrow (fall issue) to give more information about what the Bioblitz is about.
- 8/24, afternoon 1pm

#### **Climate Resilience Partnership Re-enrollment:**

- Jody filling in application for us. Thank you Jody!

#### **Beginning with Habitat program at ACC meeting 8/20:**

- Prilla: vernal pools. Has some articles to share. Why people in the town should care about vernal pools (not let them dry up, usage of pesticides etc).
- Phine: would be good to figure out where the vernal pools are and let the owners know that they're there, why they're important etc.
- Jesse: Perhaps there is a way to certify vernal pools. Maybe a way to draw people in with this emphasis.
- Jesse: 'Big Night'- create an event as a community, surrounding the migration of animals out of hibernation to the vernal pools.

#### **Nature Notes:**

- Clarke: Saw a fawn, without its mother, swimming across the Kennebec. It made it across the river and up the bank to safety.
- Jesse: Had a couple of does. Seeing lots of Monarchs.
- Prilla: Japanese beetles- catching more than ever. Soapy water trick. One bold deer that keeps coming to eat plants. Broad Shouldered Hawk- nest near house, hearing them calling. Saw one kill a red squirrel.
- Phine: Asparagus beetles. 1st cicada of the season on 7/12
- Prilla and Jesse: both have seen a blue jay mimicking the hawk, scaring the songbirds from the feeder. Both were fooled.

The meeting adjourned at 6.40pm. Next meeting will be August 20th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Weeks