

ARROWSIC FISH COMMISSION
23 MAY 2024
TOWN HALL @ 6 PM
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Karen Robbins, Fish Warden
Jeff Pinette, Deputy Fish Warden
Jack Witham

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Fish Warden Karen Robbins at 6:10 p.m. She reported that Angel Braestrup and Mike McMahon were unable to attend.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes from the 25 April meeting were reviewed and approved as read by unanimous consent.
3. **Public Comment.** No members of the public were present.
4. **Fish Trap Monitoring:** The trap was installed on 25 April and many volunteers participated in fish counts. A total of 19,667 fish have been removed from the trap into the pond. A one-day count of 1552 fish on April 30th was the highest observed this year. The Commissioners expressed thanks to all the volunteers.
5. **Harvest:** The limited harvest was held on May 18th. Six members of the public visited including Arrowsic's House Representative Alison Hepler. A total of 268 fish or approximately 2 ¼ bushels were harvested with the public taking a few fish and the remainder taken by Deputy Warden Pinette to be used by a local lobsterman.
6. **Improving the Fishway:** Warden Robbins reported no progress to date on stream channel improvements but funding possibilities will be researched more thoroughly in cooperation with SWCA Environmental Consultants. Some repairs are needed for the culvert, improvements to the pond base for the trap to sit flush. The channel will be checked to insure safe passage for juveniles.
7. **Arrowsic Climate Action Plan:** Commissioners Witham and Braestrup attended the meeting. Though no specific tasks were assigned to the Fish Commission, several actions in the plan have relevance. In cooperation with the Conservation Commission, tasks such as helping to improve culvert replacement, protecting land around wetlands and maintaining water quality are possibilities
8. **Next Meeting:** 27 June at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.
9. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. by unanimous consent.