

Town of Arrowsic

Planning Board

September 5, 2024, 7 PM

In-Person and Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Vicky Stoneman (PB chair), Eileen Bonine (PB-secretary) Joe Bonnett (PB), Paul Cunningham (PB), Mike Field (CEO), Jim Davis (PB on Zoom), Jenna Howard (PB on Zoom)

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

- Approval of 8/8 minutes. Motion to accept by Joe. Paul seconded. No discussion. All in favor.
- Don Sheldon is interested in joining the PB. Will be approved at 9/9 SB meeting.
- Still have an issue with getting minutes posted to website. Need to get them posted in a more timely manner so that the 30-day response window is not compromised. Still need to get permits posted on kiosk and website.

Mike questioned which permits to be posted. Vicky instructs to post all permits, building and CU permits to allow people to view and respond if desired.

- Required Trainings -

Joe has completed the FOAA training. No certificate yet received.

Jenna needs FOAA training. May qualify through her job for exemption.

Jim needs to take FOAA training.

- Vicky presented an update on Packard's Landing (Water Access Property).
 - o A festive ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by many. Three local teens launched the initial kayak voyage.
 - o There were issues with the dock/pier support structure which was not able to be attached to ledge under the mud per the original design as the mud was deeper than expected. Instead, heavier support timbers were sunk into the mud with the structure chained to limit sway. So installation differed from original plan. The required seasonal removal will be very difficult due to the weight. One possibility is to apply to get a variance from the Appeals Board to either leave dock in place or relocate it closer to the road. The likeliness of the Appeals Board granting such a variance was very uncertain. The Dock will need to be removed in October. Replacing it next year will be contingent on a solution to the current problem. It was

mentioned as a possibility that the road might be closed in the future due to repeated flooding, but that is a ways off most likely. If the road was closed, there would be no need for a setback and the dock could be moved over closer to where the current road is where the ledge is exposed and not under mud. The Water Access Committee is working on solution. May need to reapply to PB for any necessary modifications.

- CEO Update -
 - Two plumbing permits complete. Will post in kiosk in upcoming days.
 - Chapter 1000 update – State imposes “footprint” measure to determine allowing modifications to building in shoreland zone. Municipalities such as ours who do not choose to use the footprint standard and use volume and floor area, must use both measures and determine which is more restrictive. Planning Board to decide if modification to ordinance should be completed. Very few houses in town would be impacted. Mike Field will pursue whether we should get legal advice from the town’s lawyer.

- New business -
 - Joe provided an update regarding plans for posting signage for flooding and plans for road improvements scheduled for Rt. 127 areas prone to flooding. Study during 2026, construction in 2027.

Next meeting Thursday October 3, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Joe at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Paul. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Bonine