

Arrowsic Select Board Minutes

June 24, 2024

As Approved on July 8, 2024

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Jennifer Geiger, Eileen Bonine, Josephine Ewing, Don Kornrumpf, Vince Capone, Don Hudson

Attended via Zoom: Denise Parker, Vicky Stoneman, Jon Biehler, Michael Kreindler, Nick Stoneman, Janet Persen

Call to Order: 6:02pm by Walter

Agenda: Reviewed & approved

Items for approval:

- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting on June 10 were approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- Treasurer's Warrant FY24 #25 for \$36,184.59 approved on a motion by Jennifer seconded by DeeDee.

Arrowsic Broadband Authority (ABA) update – Don Kornrumpf, Vince Capone, & Nick Stoneman:

- Conduits are being worked on for the 11 residents who have not yet been connected to broadband.
- Final negotiations with Axiom are planned for this week. The goal is a new services agreement and a new contractor agreement.
- ABA will pay Axiom approximately \$11,000 to cover the cost of the drops above the contracted number. Axiom will pay Hawkeye.
- Insurance to cover the cost of potential storm damage to the broadband fiber is available through only one company at this point. The cost of the annual premium (\$6,300) with a \$100,000 deductible for damage caused by a named storm are felt to be unaffordable at this time. Therefore, the ABA recommends self-insuring until December 31, 2024. This proposal was approved on a motion by DeeDee seconded by Jennifer.
- A monthly rate increase in the future may be necessary to cover the cost of storm damage and/or upgrading the broadband equipment (anticipated to be required in 5-7 years at a cost of \$70,000-\$80,000).

Town staff & volunteers:

- Arrowsic Recycling & Solid Waste Committee (ARSWC) – one member is needed. No candidates at this time.
- Town Administrator – a change in the role was approved at Town Meeting on June 13. The job description will be posted on the Arrowsic website and the Arrowsic Facebook page, and an email will be sent via MailChimp. Anyone interested in discussing the role should contact DeeDee.

Other business:

- Spirit of American Award nomination – the nomination was approved at the previous meeting and the nomination form will be submitted.
- Special Town Meeting – the meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 6:30pm, at Town Hall, to vote on three warrant items.
- Conservation Commission – Phine Ewing discussed “No Parking” signs for the Sewall Pond conservation area, indicating that cars will be towed. Approval was given to continue to have the warning that "violators will be towed at owner's expense" when replacement signs are ordered.
- Education Committee update – Denise Parker reported that the silent auction, hat sales, and apparel sales were all successful, raising more than \$5,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Committee members Janet Persen, Brenda Wojciechowski, and Karen Mignone worked very hard to contribute to the success of the auction. The committee thanks the auction item donors, as well as the residents who attended and/or volunteered at the auction.

Mail:

- Amber Jones, Sagadahoc County Administrator, is proposing a county-wide committee of towns to discuss issues and asks for Arrowsic’s participation.

Adjournment: 7:18pm

Next meeting: Monday, July 8, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Parker
Town Administrator