

MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JULY 10, 2024

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Dale Carleton, Constable for the Town of Arrowsic, County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Arrowsic Town Hall on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of July A.D. 2024, at six thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

**Art. 1.** To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Eloise Vitelli was nominated, seconded, and unanimously elected to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To see if the town will vote to adopt the Arrowsic Climate Action Plan as a guide for the town that supports development of climate resilience strategies and prioritizes related activities in our community.

The article was moved and seconded. Phine Ewing rose to read a statement from Jody Jones, Chair of the Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee, who was absent due to illness. Jody thanked Karen Robbins and Katy Tucker for submitting the grant proposal to develop the climate action plan for Arrowsic. The next step is to form a committee to apply for an additional grant to mitigate flooding on Mill Island and Spinney Mill Road.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Alisha Khan, Co-Chair of the Committee, to speak to the body. Alisha discussed the significance of the efforts of the Arrowsic Climate Resilience committee in addressing the challenges on the island that are being caused climate change.

The article passed unanimously.

**Art. 3.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 from contingency for the expenses of the Fish Commission including repairing the storm damage to the culvert, and miscellaneous costs that might come up around the celebratory harvest and doing business through the year.

The motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance as set forth below, to regulate the use of the Water Access Property.

**Definitions:**

a) The Water Access Property (Packard's Landing) is the Town-owned lot on Indian Rest Road shown as Lot 44 on Town Tax Map 3.

b) Open hours are from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset except for waterfowl hunters who are allowed one hour before sunrise during open waterfowl hunting season.

**Unlawful Activities:**

The following activities are prohibited within the boundaries of Packard's Landing:

- a) Use of the area outside of open hours.
- b) Setting or maintaining fires.
- c) Ignition of fireworks.
- d) Discharge of firearms.
- e) Camping.
- f) Smoking or vaping.
- g) Consumption of alcohol.
- h) Damaging, defacing, or removing trees, vegetation, equipment, or buildings.

Parking at the drop-off area is for one handicap vehicle only.

Parking on Indian Rest Road is prohibited.

The Water Access Management Committee, by a majority vote, may temporarily suspend any of the above ordinances for short periods of time to facilitate operations or maintenance.

**Enforcement:**

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department, in the first instance, and the Select Board, as they deem necessary, shall enforce the provisions of this Article.

**Penalties:**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon adjudication, be punished by the following penalties, as applicable:

- a) A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, plus reasonable costs of Town Counsel, expert witness fees, and court costs if any.
- b) An order to pay the costs of towing and/or impoundment of any vehicle which is towed from the Area for being in violation of this ordinance.
- c) An order to pay for restitution of damage to the Area in an amount determined by a Registered Forester or other competent person. All fines recoverable shall be payable to the Sixth District Court, Division of Sagadahoc for the use of the Town of Arrowsic. All costs of towing and/or impoundment are payable by the owner of the vehicle prior to the vehicle's release.

**Emergency Clause:**

The Select Board, acting on the advice of the Water Access Management Committee, Fire Chief and/or other public officials, may temporarily close the Property to the public when deemed necessary to ensure public safety.

Art. 4 was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM

Selectmen:

Walter Briggs

DeeDee Jorgensen

Jennifer Geiger

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boyce, Town Clerk