

## **ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

August 20, 2024

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair) Karen Robbins, Clarke Cooper, Priscilla Tucker, Carla Weeks, Lisa Margonelli, Abby Westberry, and Corinne Michaud-LeBlanc.

The meeting, held in person, was called to order by Phine at 5.35

### **Beginning with Habitat**

We welcomed Corinne Michaud LeBlanc, climate coordinator with the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to speak about Beginning with Habitat. The program is a collaboration between IF&W and some no-profit organizations. It is map-base, but they are branching out. She showed the tools available to us through a slide presentation showing areas of particular interest to BwH in our area, including mixed saltmarsh and brackish tidal marsh communities, as well as significant upland sites. She addressed our questions about vernal pools, and drinking water and aquifers. DEP runs a drinking water program; Maine Geological Survey tracks saltwater intrusion in wells, and maps subsurface aquifers; and Maine DMR has a coastal program with planners who can help communities.

The presentation ended at 7.

### **Minutes:**

Approved.

### **Water Quality:**

- Clarke 9/3
- Priscilla 9/16

### **Conservation Area:**

Clean up:

- Carla 8/24
- Clarke 8/31
- Priscilla 9/9

Selectmen's meeting:

- discussion about activity on 127 at the pond.
- Bob Ater, Caitlin McKenzie and Doug Kulis, among those present.
- Limited parking- suggestion of parallel parking on eastside only.
- Possible town hearing in near future
- McKenzie's main concerns; erosion, rogue trails, and safety.
- Karen suggests reaching out to MDOT for rapid response sign to reduce speeding (35 mph limit).
- ACC to reach out to Mckensie family to help support- maintain trails etc.

### **Bioblitz:**

- This Saturday 8/24, 1-4pm

**Signs:**

- Phine has inquired with Carrot Signs re two types we need. Waiting to hear back.

**Mail:**

- KELT request for comment. Ruth says we don't have to respond.
- Bill for \$85 for June water testing.
- June and July water testing results
  - June: Phos=20 mg/l, chlorophyll A=5.1
  - July: Phos=26 mg/l, chlorophyll A=8.4, e-coli 17 colonies (250=safe for swimming)

**Climate Resilience:**

- Call for Grant ideas
  - Initial ideas/thoughts to be discussed in September, submissions due in December. (i.e. Well study?)
- Sam Saltonstall- to do presentation this fall. Maybe November 19th meeting timeslot?

**Nature Notes:**

- Bear noted in town email this month.
- Phine: heard some owls recently (after nothing for a while), and Carolina Wrens
- Clarke: a 30lb racoon "murdered" 3 of Mike and Jesse's chickens.
- Karen: spotted chicken lips mushrooms (leotia viscosa)

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Next meeting will be September 17th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Weeks