

Arrowsic Resilience Committee (ARC) Meeting

Friday, Oct. 11 2024, 12 - 1:30 PM, Arrowsic Town Hall

Attendees: Jody Jones, Andrew Lynas, Karen Dowell, Dale McNutt, Jerry Pieh

Absent: Claire Enterline

Minutes

1) Introductions

[All]

- a) Andrew - accountant with extensive non-profit funding experience
- b) Dale - writer, artist, designer with community organizing experience
- c) Jerry - retired educator, committed community member
- d) Jody - wildlife ecologist, conservation non-profit leader, ARC chair
- e) Karen - Communicator and scientist with grant writing experience

2) Review of ARC mission and objectives

[Jody]

- a) [Committee description](#)
- b) [Google docs](#) for sharing information
- c) [Climate Action Plan](#) – our road map
- d) Priorities and open discussion - Jerry suggested that most Arrowsic residents would be most motivated to support initiatives to protect **Roads, Water, and Power**. Members agreed that funding for other ARC efforts (e.g., those to protect and conserve wetlands and fragile island ecosystems at risk from flooding, drought, and potential fires, may require community education and could be done in parallel.

3) [Community Action Grant update](#)

[Jody]

- a) Open discussion on fundraising, potential projects and collaborators, how to use the CAP to help us decide next steps for applying.
- b) Important Grant Details. Min CAG award: \$5K, Max award: \$75K. Submission deadline is December 17 at 5 PM. Jody will be traveling in December, so the ACR team needs to prepare the grant and submit in her absence
- c) An Arrowsic **private well study** may be a good potential focus as Arrowsic residents rely on well water. The money could fund a consultant to perform the study. Side note: We also discussed the well pump at the town hall and that it

might be an easy win to take the necessary action (water tests, etc) to make it an available resource again.

- d) We discussed whether we may want to submit a joint grant with another town (e.g., Phippsburg, Georgetown, Woolwich, etc.) to be eligible for group funding. This would require coordination and collaboration that may be challenging to get agreement on given the short deadline.

4) Update on current activities

[Jody]

- a) Arrowsic Fire Dept. Grants
 - i) [Firehouse Subs](#): ~ \$35,000 for new turnout gear
 - ii) [Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation](#): \$20,000 for specialized washer & drying cabinet.
- b) [Phippsburg](#): They got a small grant from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership to hire someone to work on resilience. The person hired will have availability if we need help. Interested in collaborating - but not sure how.
- c) [Georgetown](#): reached out but no response yet. Resilience cmte in transition
- d) [Woolwich](#): Jody having coffee with David Berndtson (dberndtson@gmri.org) on Saturday at 9:45 to chat about possible collaborations & share info.
- e) [Westport](#): Jody reached out to Dennis Dunbar about getting a copy of their well study. Will send along when it's done. Their successful grant with the partnership is in the google docs.
- f) Maine Geological Survey: Jody and Karin Statdler have a phone meeting scheduled for October 15 at 9 am with state geologist Jessica Meeks (see [Bangor Daily News article here](#)) to discuss possible collaboration and advice on what type of activities to consider for our grant..

5) Next Steps and Assignments

[Jody]

- a) Committee members: All in attendance to be on the committee. Jody will submit names to the Select Board for approval at their next meeting. All new members will review the documents Jody provided links to and come to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions for prioritizing our efforts as we get started.
- b) Next Meeting date: The committee tentatively agreed to meet on Friday, October 18 at noon. Karen will send a Doodle Poll to committee members to confirm availability
- c) Assignments:
 - i) Review CAP [All]
 - ii) Review Community Action Grant requirements [All]
- d) Resume discussions on water supply grant and agree on next steps and assignments if we want to move forward.