

Arrowsic Resilience Committee (ARC)

Meeting Minutes from Oct. 23 2024, Noon to 1:30 (Town Hall)

Committee Members present: Jody Jones, Andrew Lynas, Dale McNutt, Jerry Pieh. Committee member Karen Dowell was attending a grant writing workshop.

Phine Ewing, chair of the Conversation Commission, attended as a valuable advisor.

Actions reported or taken:

1. Select Board approved the five members listed above as the ARC.
2. Notes for October 16 meeting approved.
3. Consensus choices of Jody Jones as Chair and Andrew Lynes as Vice Chair.
4. Note taker to rotate (these notes by Jerry Pieh).
5. ARC meetings to be held at Town Hall every week on Wednesday from noon to 1:30 until a proposal is completed; with further meetings then scheduled to fit our next set of tasks.
6. Consensus that the ARC's initial focus would be on Arrowsic's wells/ground water/fresh water supply together with focus on septic systems. Initial work to be a survey of wells and septic systems with further work to be determined by survey results and by our learning more about the impacts of climate changes on island/coastal water and sewage systems. We (Jody and Andrew) will explore working with Carol White to develop a grant proposal for up to \$75K to pursue the survey work needed to understand fully Arrowsic's water/sewage systems as well as to learn how best to protect those systems. Jody will report on this initial focus and the possible availability of having Carol White work with us to the Select Board at their next meeting (10/28 @ 6pm) - ARC members are encouraged to attend. We will begin this work by submitting a Community Action Grant proposal as soon as possible.
7. We will explore the need for and the steps necessary to activate the existing but currently moth-balled public well near Town Hall.
8. We discussed possible collaboration with Georgetown or other nearby communities and, by consensus, decided to delay collaboration at this time while keeping that possibility open for the future¹.
9. Dale and Andrew will begin to design a communications plan for sharing information about our work to implement the Arrowsic climate action plan.
10. Andrew will work with Jody and Carol White to prepare an initial draft proposal for the wells/septic work. We hope to see that draft at our meeting next week.

Next meeting: October 30 - noon to 1:30 - Town Hall.

¹ Jody plans to attend an initial meeting to share our plans for a CAG grant and see if the barriers to collaboration that were shared during and after the meeting could be overcome.