

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 15, 2025

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Paul Schlein, Jenna Howard, Karen Robbins, Clarke Cooper, Guest Abby Westberry, Jody Jones

The meeting, held in person and virtually, was called to order by Phine at 5:43 PM.

Minutes: June Minutes provided by Karen were approved unanimously.

Mail: Water quality numbers for last month show for May 15ug/L Phosphorus and Chlorylpyl A at 3.8ug/L. We were told about 20 years ago, by the State, that Sewall Pond was "Phosphorus impaired" because it had more than 16 ug/L phosphorus, and that reading was the first time the pond read in the "normal" range. (The EPA and DEP clean water standards are that Total Phosphorus over 16 ug/L are considered impaired waters.)

Wells: A community presentation took place this week announcing a community well sampling project that is beginning with a survey in July. Jody hopes 90% of Arrowsic residents will participate. Next year, there will be funding for testing for contaminants. The Resilience Team would like the Conservation Commission to include in the pesticide survey information that pesticides can contaminate groundwater. Jody sent suggested language: *"Contaminants can also find their way into groundwater, and voluntary sampling for chemicals for a limited number of wells will be available next summer."* Paul proposes: *"Pesticides can also leach into groundwater, and voluntary sampling for these chemicals for a limited number of wells will be available next summer."* We will send the amended sentence to Nick who is helping us lay out the survey.

Pesticide Survey: We will send our survey out and put a notice in the Arrow this Monday and saying when it going out and when it is due. Phine will edit a draft. We discuss a forest service talk this fall to answer the question around winter moth caterpillar control: *why are Georgetown and Phippsburg releasing a larvae that we aren't?*

Fall field trip: Seeking ideas.

Water Quality and Litter Patrol: Phine will clean this week, July 19th. Jenna, July 26th. Clarke, August 2nd. Paul August 16th. Phine, August 9th. Water quality testing: Phine for July 22 and Aug 5, Clarke for Aug 19.

Nature Notes: We will submit electronically as the meeting was difficult to hear.

Adjourn at 6:23. Next meeting is August 19.

Respectfully submitted by Jenna Howard.