

Water Access Management Committee Minutes

Sept. 24, 2025

Members present: Bob Ater, Clarke Cooper, Norma Dreyfus, Nick Stoneman

Meeting called to order at 5:27.

Minutes of 7/23 meeting accepted.

Usage

The rockometer has recorded about ten visits per week (whether people or parties is not known); now starting to peter out.

We expect more use with the waterside storage racks in play.

Float

Removal not scheduled with Kennebec Marine yet; will try for mid-October.

Bob suggests storing the float alongside the racks; after discussion it seems in the parking lot would be better.

History Walk

Bowdoin student Larson van Horn has done historical research on the site to develop informational signage. The material will be compiled into a draft for review by knowledgeable Town citizens. Several maps of Arrowsic in different time periods can be presented.

Plantings

Seedlings await decent rain.

Current plant ID signage is short and illegible; nicer signage could be possible using excess sheet metal from the History signs. Clarke and Jack can work out a general ecology presentation for the kiosk.

Benches

Mark Jorgenson has offered to provide two granite benches. Two more wooden or metal benches can be acquired using a \$5000 improvements grant from Land For Maine's Future. Placement TBD.

Boat Racks

A QR code on the kiosk will allow Town residents to sign a liability waiver and receive a slot assignment, administered by the Town Administrator. Nick will discuss implementation of the form with Jack. Stickers or tags will be issued for display on boats. Beyond capacity, a waiting list may be maintained. Locking will be up to users.

Community Ideas

Many ideas for further development of the site have been suggested by the community. For the present the Committee believes the best plan is to pursue current projects and monitor use, with an open mind towards new projects.

Loan Repayment

The Select Board has not yet agreed on any plan for paying off the Water Access loan. Bob and Nick will press them for resolution.

Next meeting October 22.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.