

Waterwise Minutes 9/15/25

In Attendance: Jody Jones, Dale McNutt, Andrew Lynas, Jerry Pieh, Zoe Sreden, Carol White and Jessica Weller

Action Items

Payment for Services

-Andrew will investigate the incomplete payments for both Carol and Dale. It looks as if Arrowsic only paid for their portion and not Georgetown's as well.

Jessica Meeks and the MGS Portion of the Grant

-Carol will contact Jessica Meeks about evaluating possible well sites. Sites are best on public lands (easier access) and need a good signal for the instrumentation to work properly.

-Jessica will send Carol the Georgetown well site list

-Carol will contact the instrument company to see if your December 2024 rate still stands. We will offer a down payment to hold the price until we are ready to buy the instruments.

Municipal Well Evaluations

-Carol and Jody will schedule a time to evaluate the Arrowsic town wells (Fire and Town hall). This evaluation will determine if they are a candidate for treatment. A well driller will be contacted for additional testing if necessary.

-Georgetown will delay municipal testing until the spring. Testing municipal wells might be a great project for the older school children to participate in.

Drought

-Carol will write an article for both towns about the drought and ask the community to alert us if they have had problems with their well. This article will have resources and info about the drought, encourage people to participate in the well survey, highlight the project and discuss water quality and quantity issues due to drought.

Field Testing

-In the next month Carol will do some field screening in certain neighborhoods (Bay Point, 5 Islands, Robinhood) and look at how severe problems are. This will help give us more info before we sample next year.

Outreach and Education

- Carol will write the drought article (see info above).
- Carol will schedule a program with Jessica Meeks (Hydrology 101). This program will be hybrid and for both towns (late October?). FYI-there is a Winter Moth program on November 12th that the Arrowsic Conservation Commission and the Georgetown Conservation Commission are hosting together.
- Carol will schedule a septic presentation (Zoom only) for this winter. Other towns that have participated in groundwater studies will also be invited to this program.
- Jessica will work with the school on their spring Water Conservation study and create some educational materials that can be distributed to the community.

New Waterwise Members

- We will need to recruit sampling and team members for both towns
- We should reach out about community service hours for HS students and look to recruit college kids. Contact the Seguinland Institute? Recruit KELT members?
- We will need a team together by late spring/early summer

Thinking Ahead

- Carol will move well survey data into a new folder to make it more permanent.
- Carol will review the data and look for people who have had problems with their wells and plan the sampling programs around them.
- GIS work will happen this winter
- 2026 Sampling Program will run 4-6 weeks starting late June/early July.
- June 2026 will be the time to prepare kits/chain of custody and set up the sampling plan.