

## ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES December 16, 2025

Present: Phine Ewing (Chair), Jesse Nankin McMahon, Jenna Howard, Clarke Cooper, Karen Robbins

The meeting was called to order by Phine at 5:30 p.m.

**Mail:** We received a check from Bruce Zuwalick for \$50. We will ask that it be deposited in the Alewife fund.

**Field Trip:** Eight people joined five members of the Conservation Commission on the field trip to Mill Pond Preserve. It was a lovely day and a pleasant hike to the tip of the preserve.



**Winter Moth Talk:** with Tom Schmeelk, sponsored jointly by the Arrowsic and Georgetown Conservation Commissions, was attended by about 25 people in person at the Georgetown Historical Society and 83 online. Our thanks to Georgetown for sharing their beautiful facility. The talk was informative and hopeful.

**Minutes:** September and October Minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

**Pesticide Survey:** A simplified summary can be shared in the Arrow, the Arrowsic Google group, and highlights can be posted on Facebook. We could ask Nick if we could sort any information we may need using the raw file.

**SPCA:** Because Popham Beach and Reid State Park will not be accepting used Christmas trees, the ARSWC proposed arranging to have the trees chipped for use on the trails at the SPCA if the Conservation Commission is interested. The ACC will accept their offer.

The Conservation Commission discussed the possibility of adding a bike rack at Sewall Pond which would require a poured pad and permitting. At this time, it is not advised. Cyclists can lock up to a tree along the parking area.

**Route 127 Access:** New parking Seawall Pond access has been put in place. An ordinance may be drafted to limit parking next year. Phine asks if limitations are needed outside May to October. Jesse notes the boulders may not be encouraging the safest roadside parking right now as ice fishing and skating has begun.

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**Nature Notes:** Clarke saw a couple of loons on the river in front of his home. Karen and Jenna note plentiful deer. Jesse has seen lots of turkey coming through and many deer eating from the bird feeders plus agitated ravens. Jenna and Phine noted hearing owls.

Adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Our next meeting will be held January 17th. Respectfully submitted by Jenna Howard.