

ACC New Member 2026

There is a vacancy on the Arrowsic Conservation Commission, and we are looking for a new member. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Each November, in lieu of our monthly meeting we take a field trip to explore a corner of this beautiful island.

The commission was set up in 1982 when the town accepted a gift of 13 acres on the east shore of Sewall Pond (the Sewall Pond Conservation Area) from the Holt family. The Conservation Commission was entrusted with the care of this property, and with the other duties of conservation commissions statewide.

Our mission is the stewardship of town-owned real estate, the protection of the town's natural resources, and researching local land areas for conservation. Some of the accomplishments of our 40 plus year history include:

- Advocating for swimmer safety in banning motorboats, other than electric 5 hp or less, in Sewall Pond
- Reviving the alewife fishery by restoring passage into Sewall Pond, most notably with the new fish and animal friendly culvert, and monitoring the alewife population
- Setting up the new Fish Commission to continue stewarding our fishery
- In coordination with our neighboring Conservation Commissions, publishing the Stewardship Guide with tips for living sustainably on our rocky island
- Bringing Arrowsic into the State's Climate Resilience Partnership, which makes our town eligible to apply for certain climate resilience grants
- Setting up the Arrowsic Climate Resilience Committee to continue with resilience projects, including the development of the town's Climate Action Plan
- Working with partners to find and purchase saltwater access for small boats

Current initiatives include:

- Maintaining the trails at the Sewall Pond Conservation Area, and removing litter during swim season
- Monitoring water quality in Sewall Pond;
- Running the annual roadside cleanup in coordination with the ARSWC;
- Understanding pesticides use in town and providing relevant information to residents;
- Documenting high tide events;
- Crowdsourcing species lists through iNaturalist, and conducting yearly bioblitzes;

If any of this sounds interesting to you please contact the Conservation Commission at (conserve@arrowsic.org).

