

ARROWSIC FISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
30 APRIL 2026
Arrowsic Town Hall at 6 p.m

Present:

Present:

Karen Robbins
Jack Witham
Wendy Van Dyke
Vince Capone
Angel Braestrup

Missed:

Mike McMahon
Jeff Pinette

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

26 March Meeting Minutes: After review and recommended edits, a motion was made to approve the minutes as amended, seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

In-Migrating Fish Monitoring: The trap went in on Tuesday the 28th of April. As of the meeting, fewer than 50 fish had been counted. It was agreed that the trap would be observed and changes made if needed to ensure that fish were not getting trapped underneath.

16 May Celebratory Harvest: The harvest is planned for a take up to 6 bushels of alewives with up to 24 additional fish to be taken for educational programs.

Wendy and Angel reported on their progress with the handouts and informed the Commission that they would not be in town on the harvest day. It was agreed that the pickling recipe would again be offered.

Karen reached out to Jeff who was on travel and learned that he was prepared to provide the totes to hold the harvest.

Sewall Creek Project: The work day to clear the stream was held as planned on Sunday April 19th. The water levels remain very low. It has also been confirmed that winter road treatment accounts for the large amounts of sand in the first stretch of the stream below the culvert and closest to 127.

The conductivity (2) and depth (1) monitors are in place and collecting data for the season.

Karen agreed to continue seeking information about the possible design and partners for the project to restore the stream to enable the passage of fish.

Various options for grantseeking were discussed. Karen Robbins reported that there would be an article to be considered at the town meeting that would help support any grant applications to cover the costs of stream improvement.

“Article XX: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and implement any applicable grant funding for the Town Fish Commission in support of [PURPOSE OF xxxxxxxxx (language to come from the fish commission)], and to establish the Arrowsic Fish Commission Grant account for accepted grant funds and matching Town funds, which shall be a non-lapsing account, to transfer and appropriate up to \$5,000 from undesignated surplus fund into said account to be used as matching funds and to authorize the select board to spend from the account for the stated purposes and without further vote of the town meeting.”

Other Business: Next meeting May 28th, 6PM at the Town Hall

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:57.