

# The Arrowsic Arrow

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Dear Reader,

**Lots to follow, but first things first: lauds, thanks, praises and gratitude to Bob Kalish for being a terrific Arrow Editor over the past few years. His care and wit have been great companions to the news in this little town where big things happen.**

## Your Town Officials 1999/2000:

Town Clerk	Phine Ewing	443-9795
Selectmen	Pat Harcourt, Chair	442-8122, Greg Guckenburg 442-8020, Larry Wilson 443-6970
Treasurer	Patty Olds	443-4764
Tax Collector	Liz Rollins	443-3658
Fire Chief	Brian Scott	442-7409
School Committee	Eloise Vitelli	443-4660, Nancy Brown Stump 442-7527, Jody Jones 443-3697
Codes Enforcement Officer	David Foster	443-2114
Planning Board	Jim Tolan, Chair	443-4893, Karen Robbins, Mary Hillery, Michael Dube, David Spencer, Mary Louise Blanchard
Zoning Board of Appeals	Grace Stone, Chair	442-7663, Bart Chapin, Mona Schlein, Jack Witham, Jim Arsenault
Recycling Committee	Paul Schlein, Chair	443-3209, Robert Kalish, Michael Kreindler, Jeff Mann
State Fire Warden	Brian Scott	442-7409
Assistant Fire Chief	Gil Thomas	882-9817
LEMA Director	William Schumaker	443-5174
Health Officer	Mildred Stafford	443-5832
Registrar of Voters	Jean Kane	443-4978
Election Clerks	Phine Ewing, Glena Morrison, Mildred Stafford, George Stafford, Phil Packard, Donald Beaton	
Road Commission	Jim Stump, Chair	442-7527, John Wood, Joan Richardson, Sally Drake, Richard Elwell
Conservation Commission	Phine Ewing, Chair	443-9795, William Blaiklock, Joan Richardson, Noreen O'C. Blaiklock, Mildred Stafford, Frances Smith, Charlotte Brown
Town Historian	Mildred Stafford	443-5832
Animal Control Officer	Chris Grill	442-8152
Town Property Management	James Arsenault, Chair	443-1510, Robert Ater, Ann Ater, Carmen Belleville, Elizabeth Wilson, Bob Miller, Mildred Stafford, George Stafford
Shellfish Committee	Betty Wilson, Chair	443-6970, Michael Kreindler, Michelle Gailard, David Foster, William Blaiklock, Phil Packard
Shellfish Warden	John Hentz	371-2732

## Minutes from Town Meeting

### Held June 17, 1999

Elections (all uncontested): Darla Jewett was elected Moderator. Phine Ewing was elected Town Clerk and Greg Guckenburg was reelected Selectman. Jody Jones was elected to the school committee replacing outgoing Wendy Briggs (who will be sorely missed). Wendy was presented with lilies to plant in her garden.

Patty Olds was reelected Treasurer and Liz Rollins was reelected Tax Collector. The Selectmen gave flowers to Patty and Liz for their assistance in sorting out the problems we've had this past year due to incomplete or lost records from the past.

Article 5 (allowing the Selectmen to determine Town Hall business) inspired a great deal of discussion. Many townspeople wanted to know exactly what the article was about. Greg

and Pat explained that records were lost from 96/97 and 97/98 that should have been kept by the Treasurer and Town Clerk, and should have been kept at the Town Hall but were taken to private residences. Currently, all elected officials are accountable only to the townspeople and although the selectmen have responsibility for the information generated by the Clerk and Treasurer, they have no jurisdiction over their actions (or inactions). This article would give the selectmen authority to require that Town Records be kept at Town Hall.

When the question of Town Hall hours came up, the question was asked whether afternoon/evening hours could be expanded and a former official stated that if we are going to ask the Clerk and Tax Collector to add hours, we should give them more money. The questioner added he wasn't necessarily asking for more hours, just different ones.

Town Officers salaries were approved at \$23790, giving raises to the Treasurer and the Selectmen, and adding salaries for the LEMA director, and the Shellfish Warden. A request was made to show the salaries as they are paid (some committees share the moneys that are shown to be paid only to Chairpeople—i.e., Road Commission, School Committee, Recycling Committee). Because we still do not know whether we are susceptible to fines from the state for not filing, our total payroll including federal and state tax burden was voted at \$28,440.00.

\$5000 was raised and appropriated to pay an assessors' agent. When someone asked whether this was an ongoing expense, Pat answered no, that it was just for the revaluation which should be completed this year. The article accepting grants, donations and / or reimbursements was accepted as written. Fire Chief Scott noted that \$12,000 worth of equipment has been granted to

Arrowsic through a Federal program to help in the event of another ice storm (difficult to imagine right now in June).

Article 11, regarding a "three year plan and schedule for the construction of a new fire station..." also garnered much discussion. Several people stood up and said, "We voted a couple years back to keep our fire department, now it's our obligation to support it." Assistant chief Thomas mentioned that there are only two Arrowsic residents in the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Scott said that we have Federal and State obligations to consider in terms of required training and equipment. Already we are keeping Fire Department vehicles at private residences because we have no storage.

After lengthy debate, the question was amended to state, "To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to prepare a five year plan for the Fire Department."

The town then voted to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund, and \$16,330 for fire protection for 1999/2000.

For ambulance service this year, we are raising and appropriating \$2200 to continue our contract with Georgetown Ambulance Service. Greg Guckenburg mentioned that for this year we have free EMT service through Midcoast Hospital.

Next were the Education articles. The School Committee handed out budgets before the meeting started that listed dollar amounts they had just received from the state: for fiscal year 1999/2000, revenues are as follows: beginning balance of \$50,227 (unexpended surplus from last year), \$152,140 in State Subsidies and \$307,401 in local taxes. Expenditures will be \$2160 for the Board of Education, \$9,028 for the Office of Superintendent, \$1,351 for Special Services Administration, \$397,351 for Academic Instruction, \$60,615 for Special Education and \$26,713 for Transportation. The School Committee called to our attention that Bill Reed has not raised transportation prices in years. WE ALL WANT TO THANK BILL FOR BEING THE BEST. He is a blessing to our town.

Arrowsic had 86 kids in school 1998/99 and we anticipate 88 for 1999/2000. Scholarships went to Jake Bryant and Emma Brown. We also voted to appropriate \$20,000 from surplus to start a dedicated scholarship account which may be supplemented by individuals from the town in the form of tax-deductible donations.

At this point we took a break to sing happy 75th birthday to town hero George Stafford ("I wondered why my wife told me to put nice clothes on" he said later) and present him with a cake and candles which he shared with everyone while we stood and chatted outside the tent for 10 or 15 minutes. The Fire Department provided lemonade and cookies for refreshment.

Next was discussion about the purchase of property by the town. The Berry property (Map 5, Lot 4: abutting existing Town Property) is for sale for \$32,000. Suggestions were offered about possible relocation of the fire department, expansion of Town Hall facilities, etc. There was concern that if the town purchased this property, our other parcel (across from the fire station) would be sold. Many stood to speak out against that idea for several reasons: recreational possibilities (a playing field), investment possibilities (hang onto it for awhile and sell later if we need to) or another possibility for Fire Department location. We voted to purchase the Berry property and hang onto the other property.

\$65,495 was appropriated for Road Maintenance, \$27,495 of which is for snowplowing. Of the total, \$13,123 will be raised in taxes, \$12,372 in MDOT Grant moneys and the rest will come from excise taxes. Jim Stump, Chair of the Road Commission, said they'll be paving the first 1/2 mile of the Old Stage Road (it was last paved 10 years ago). \$250 was raised for the Shellfish Conservation Committee, \$1,360 was raised for Recycling costs and \$14,526 for Solid Waste disposal.

At this point, Paul Schlein, chair of the Recycling Committee, stood to tell us that Arrowsic is only recycling 25% of our waste and that we need to do better. One way to do that is to modify our existing recycling ordinance to require recycling in exchange for trash pickup. The town voted to direct the Committee to draft a proposal for presentation at next Town Meeting.

We also voted to appropriate from surplus \$5,286 to cover the overexpenditure to our auditor to help straighten out the financial puzzles we have from 96/97 and 97/98 due to incomplete and lost records.

Next we voted to pass amendments to our parking ordinance and to establish a Sewall Pond Conservation Area ordinance regulating the use of Sewall Pond and Dr. Holt's Deed of Gift. These passed with one amendment to Section 12-31-d which now reads "Use of the area between 1/2 hour after sunset to sunrise (is prohibited)." Additionally, Alewife fishing will

not be allowed during the 99/2000 season for conservation reasons. (**Please note** that we discovered after Town Meeting that Proposed Ordinances must be voted up or down as written, they may not be amended during the meeting, and so we will revisit the Sewall Pond Conservation Area Ordinance next year, however, the Parking Ordinance is still in effect from sunset to sunrise).

The Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance was changed to define "substantially complete" and to revise the section on "Reconstruction or Replacement".

Other articles included raising and appropriating \$100 for our Long Reach Sanitary costs, \$4000. for the disposal of septage, \$9,418 to cover dues and support to charitable organizations (the Selectmen added Doubling Point Light Assn. for \$100) \$920 for dues, \$4500 for contingency expenses, \$2300 for printing the Town Report, \$4500 for insurance, \$3500 for Utilities, \$500 for the Planning Board, \$250 for the Conservation Commission, \$250 for the Emergency Management Committee, \$3000 for legal expenses, \$4998 for the Patten Free Library, \$10,000 form surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, and \$4000 for Town Hall maintenance. All this passed with little discussion.

After some questions about what's been done toward the purchase of water access for the Town (nothing—we have little money to afford waterfront property and all possible town right of ways were surrendered or discovered to be undocumented years ago), we voted as we do every year, to put all proceeds of watercraft excise tax into a dedicated Water Access Fund. We also created a dedicated Animal Control Fund from dog license fees, we voted to spend money from the computer account for computer expenses and to charge 10% interest on taxes paid 60 days after posting.

We passed, along with 40 other communities nation wide, a resolution calling upon governments to secure by 2000 a Nuclear Weapons Abolition Treaty which sets a time table for the elimination of nuclear weapons (one person was opposed to this idea). The date was set for next town meeting: Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm.

And then, somewhere around 10:15, we all went home.

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If you, dear reader, have a different recollection of what happened, please let me know and I will publish corrections (or alternatives) in the next Arrow. 443-4764 or paolds@javanet.com



## From the Letterbox::

I wish to thank the people of the town of Arrowsic very much for their best wishes at Town Meeting and the lovely cake for my 75th birthday and my services to the town. I was never so pleased in my life.

-George Stafford

## Important Dates in July:

- 4 Birth of Louis Armstrong in 1900
- 10 **Arrowsic Historical Society** meets at 8:30 am to exchange stories and pictures, talk about our next storypage, plan upcoming events, and work toward our book. Please join us. FMI: Milly Stafford 443-5832
- 10 **Georgetown Fire Department** Annual Auction starts at 9 am, goes til everything is sold
- 13 **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the United Church of Christ, Congress Ave, Bath Noon to 5:30pm FMI: 729-6779
- 13 **Browntail Moth Workshop** at Woolwich Town Office 5:30 pm
- 17 **Arrowsic Artworks** Summer Showcase 10 am -6 pm at the Town Hall.
- 17 **Georgetown Garden Tour** 10 am to 5 pm Tickets are \$5, available at Round the Bend Cafe and the Georgetown Store. FMI 371-2575 (rain date 7/18)
- 18 Birth of Nelson Mandela in 1918
- 19 First US Women's Rights Convention 1848

## Arrowsic Artworks

**July 17 10am - 6pm**

**Phine Ewing, 443-9795**

**Claire Bridge, 442-0159**

A swarm of Arrowsic Artists brings you our second semi-annual Celebration of the Arts in Arrowsic. Our Summer Showcase will include work for sale and for exhibition at the Town Hall, Saturday, July 17 from 10 am til 6 pm. Please stop by and enjoy light refreshments and lemonade while you marvel at the breadth of talent and imagination in our fair town...and who knows, maybe you'll find that certain something you've been looking for among our items for sale.

**Saturday, July 17, 1999**

**10 am - 6 pm**

## From the Selectmen

**Pat Harcourt, Chair 442-8122**

**Larry Wilson, Webmaster**  
(lwilson@gwi.net)

We are looking for committee members for the following newly created committees: Fire Department Needs Committee (see Article 11 in the Town Warrant) and a Special Events Committee which would help publicize current events in and about Arrowsic as well as come up with ideas and implementation strategies for new community happenings.

Some of the issues arising at recent Selectmen's meetings:

-We've signed a trash-hauling contract with RC Rogers and Sons. Rogers noted that certain people were putting out trash that does not meet our criteria of household waste (yard waste from landscaping projects, body shop waste, construction debris, etc.)

-We have asked David Foster to discuss with Dick Elwell the possibility of removing the trailer on his property.

-Prudy Foster reported to us that Maine's Human Services is pushing for replacement of old fire alarms. This effort is being sponsored by the Center for Communicable Diseases.

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Did you know the town has a Website? Check it out for information about current events, reports and meeting minutes. We're at [www.gwi.net.arrowsic](http://www.gwi.net.arrowsic). Thanks to Larry W.

## From the Shellfish Committee

**Betty Wilson, Chair**

The Arrowsic Clam Flats opened May 15. Any closures by the State will be posted on the town's website and on the bulletin board outside town hall. For more information, you may call Betty Wilson 443-6970 or John Hentz 371-2732

## The Friends of Doubling Point Light

was established to preserve and restore the lighthouse. The main goal is to repair damage to the granite foundation caused by spring ice floes. Several of the granite blocks have begun to slip out from under the lighthouse, leaving it unstable. We are trying to raise the \$45,000 needed to repair the foundation and save the lighthouse for the next century. We have just found out we are eligible for a Federal matching grant. Any donations are appreciated and will be matched by this grant

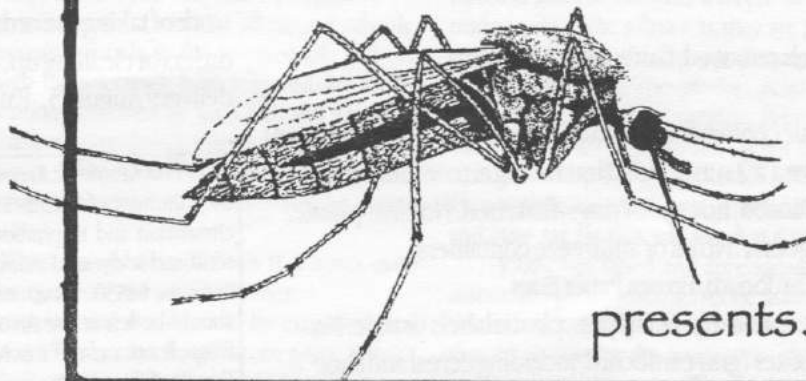
We are always in search of historical information about the light. Also, we continue to look for the fog bell removed by the Coast Guard in 1980.

Please send donations, membership requests and correspondence to Betsy Skillings-Coleman, HCR 33 Box 61B Arrowsic, ME.

Donations of \$500 or more will entitle you to a guided tour of the lighthouse by appointment.

Clay...fiber...glass...wood...mixed media

**Arrowsic Artworks**  
a swarm of Island artists



presents...

Stone...metal...pen & ink...oils

## Browntail Moth Workshop

### Lloyd Coombs, Woolwich Administrative Assistant

An infestation of Browntail moths has been discovered recently in the Town of Woolwich. The moth caterpillar has tiny (.15mm) poisonous hairs capable of causing a dermatitis similar to poison ivy. People may develop the rash directly from contact with the larvae or indirectly from contact with airborne hairs. Respiratory distress from inhaling the hairs has been reported and can be very serious.

In order to understand the problem and plan for management action, the Woolwich Board of Selectmen has scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at 5:30 pm at the Town Office 13 Nequasset Rd. Mr. Richard Bradbury of the Maine Forest Service will be present. The Arrow will send a reporter to this meeting and will fill you in on details in our next issue.

## By Popular Demand:

### Arrowsic Recycling Guidelines

#### REGULAR TRASH (GARBAGE) PICKUP:

From September through the end of May, regular trash is picked up biweekly (every other week) on Friday, by R.C. Rogers & Sons of West Bath. During June, July and August, trash is picked up every week. Trash should be put out for pickup by 7 am at the end of your driveway.

#### RECYCLING

Currently, Arrowsic has a curbside recycling program, handled by R.C. Rogers. With the exception of mixed and high-grade paper (see below), all items that are currently recyclable are picked up at curbside on a year-round biweekly schedule.

#### HOW

Curbside recyclables should be put out with regular trash for pickup by 7 am. Each item must be separated in containers of your choosing: reusable boxes, crates, bins, pails, etc., or brown paper bags or Shaw's plastic bags (these will be recycled by the recycling company). You can place the separated items in a larger container.

#### CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES

- Newspapers/Magazines/Phonebooks
- All newspapers, inserts, catalogs, glossy magazines, phonebooks. Loose, do not tie.
- Clear Glass  
Washed and rinsed. Rings and caps removed; labels OK. Clear glass only. No green or brown glass; no Pyrex or window glass.
- Tin Cans  
Cleaned, labels removed, flattened.
- #2 Plastic  
Only #2 plastic containers: milk jugs and colored. All #2 plastic containers have a #2 surrounded by chasing arrows printed on the bottom. Rinsed, no caps or rings, flattened. No clear plastic. Do not tie together. No oil or antifreeze containers.
- Corrugated Cardboard/Brown Paper Bags  
Flattened, clean and dry. No staples, plastic labels or tape. No paperboard boxes (gray cardboard, including cereal and shoe boxes or beer six-pack holders).

## RECYCLED AT TOWN HALL

- High-grade Paper
- Office paper (computer, photocopy, Manila folders, envelopes) all colors. No magazines, newspapers, glossy paper.  
**Where:** Put in small white building, bundled up or put in boxes or bags.
- Mixed Paper  
Paperboard (gray cardboard: cereal and shoe boxes, beer six-pack holders, and all other non-corrugated cardboard), junk mail, milk cartons, aseptic packaging.
- High-grade paper (see above) can be included here, but separating it as above is much preferred as high-grade paper. R.C. Rogers, our regular recycler, takes it at no additional cost, but as mixed paper, we pay \$38/ton to have it taken away by Lincoln County Recycling.

**Where:** Put in bin (roll-off container).

## LARGE TRASH ITEMS

Periodically, the Town may arrange for a Spring or Fall Cleanup Day, where large trash items, such as furniture, appliances, tires and construction materials, can be thrown away. This is generally done at the individual's expense. Announcement notices will be sent out.

## Questions, comments?

Please call one of the Committee members:

Paul Schlein, 443-3209

Bob Kalish, 443-4660

Jeff Mann, 443-6174

Michael Kreindler, 442-7443

## Naturally Better Coop

Paul Schlein 443-3209

Lisa Holley 443-1510

By joining the Naturally Better Coop, you can purchase natural grocery products and organic produce at wholesale prices! We buy direct from Northeast Cooperatives of Brattleboro Vermont, a member-owned coop that supplies virtually every natural foods store in the region.

Every month members place their orders by phone or email, and a week or so later, our goods are delivered to the town hall. There are currently 30 members in the Coop with half living in Georgetown and Arrowsic and the rest in nearby towns.

It costs NOTHING to be a member, you just have to share in the work of taking the orders, unloading the truck, breaking down the orders or cleaning up. Our next order cycle is July 27 order deadline, delivery August 5. FMI, call Paul 443-3209 or Lisa 443-1510

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