REQUESTING HELP WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTION

November 4 is the next general and referendum election. Arrowsic historically has an excellent turnout, one of the best in the state. As this is a gubernatorial election, strong participation is expected. In addition to the candidate races, there will be seven ballot questions as well as an RSU race. Therefore, we could use a little more help.

We are requesting a few more volunteers, particularly people who can arrive as the polls close to help count the ballots. State law requires a balance from the different political parties to serve as election clerks and ballot counters. We appreciate the clerks who have already been appointed by the two major parties. We welcome a few more, especially evening ballot counters from the Republican Party. Those registered as Green/Independent and those not enrolled in any party are also very welcome.

The week before the election, we will have a brief training to familiarize everyone with the correct procedure. With a few extra trained volunteers, the count on election night will be enjoyable, accurate, and swift. Whether you’re active in a political party or emphatically unenrolled, come be a part of the election process that you may never have participated in before.

The training will be 7 pm on Thursday, October 30, at Town Hall. Contact us (443-8894 for Linda, or amybluefeet@gmail.com for Amy) to express interest, or just come that night.

Recall that you may register to vote up to and including election day, November 4. Lists of candidates and the texts of all the referendum questions can be found here: http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming.html

Linda Warner, Town Clerk
Amy Smith, Registrar of Voters

Spotlight on Recycling

If you’ve never been surprised and caught in the dark after entering the recycling shed outside the Town Hall after the door closes, then you have been missing something special. But, hopefully, those days are gone. Thanks to the amazing and inexpensive advances in LED lighting, two lights have been installed in the shed—one inside and one outside. They are motion-activated and battery-powered, and should provide adequate illumination to do what is needed. Give them a whirl, let the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee know what you think, and, please, feel free to recycle 24 hours a day!

Paul Schlein, Recycling Committee

Arrowsic Residents!

I am asking for suggestions for an Arrowsic subject and speaker for next year’s Town History Series at Patten Free Library. The Series will be on Saturday mornings, January 24 through February 21, from 10:30-11:30, in the Community Room. A speaker from each of the five towns that support the Library will give a 45-minute slide presentation on some aspect of that town’s history. Please send your suggestions to pgoodwin@patten.lib.me.us or call the History Room at 443-5141, ext. 18.

Thank you!

Peter Goodwin
Sagadahoc History and Genealogy Room
Patten Free Library

ITEMS TO REMEMBER

October 30: Election volunteer training 7pm, Town Hall

November 4: Election day!

November 9: Arrowsic Conservation Commission invites you to join us for our annual exploration of the island
CLICK ONTO ARROWSIC.ORG

On our website you will find lots of information about our town. Such things as town hall hours, whom to call for what, a calendar of town activities, committee meetings and minutes, and vehicle registration deadlines are easy to find. You can download useful forms, as well: want to burn some brush? Build a shed? Clear some trees? You will find what you need on the website. There is information about our trash and recycling program and our complete zoning ordinance. Tax maps, too! An archive of the Arrowsic Arrow is on the website. A special feature is a gallery of photographs by town photographers. If you have something in mind that you would like to see on arrowsic.org, email news@arrowsic.org. See you on the web!

ARROWSIC NEEDS YOU!
TO HELP DESIGN AN OFFICIAL TOWN SEAL

The State of Maine has one, our neighboring towns have them, wouldn't it be nice to have an official seal for Arrowsic? And wouldn't it be fun to design and create it? Now is our chance, and the possibilities are endless.

What symbolizes our town, what makes it unique, and what will translate into a simple graphic that can be used wherever needed, for both official and recreational purposes—stationary, signs, T-shirts, hats, etc.? Please submit your ideas in any form—words or graphics, basic ideas and concepts, or completed artwork. E-mail them to peacefulquinn@gmail.com, or put them in the Arrow box in the Town Hall.

Future editions of The Arrow will include everything submitted and a decision-making process will be determined. May the muse be with you and the fun begin!

Paul Schlein

ARROWSIC'S WELL WATER AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

We wondered about the source of our well water in Arrowsic. Some of us have considerably more yield than do others. So we asked Peter Goodwin, Professor of Geology Emeritus at Temple University and a former Arrowsic resident, to explain. Pete's talk lasts about 7 minutes. We learned that there is no aquifer under Arrowsic, but rather our water comes through fractured bedrock. Pete told us how that occurs, and showed why there are differences in the bedrock under our properties. This informative presentation is available online at: http://arrowsic.org/video/groundwater.html.

POET’S CORNER

Fire in the swamps, still greenest on the hilltops.
Bubbling autumn.

Jeremy Blaiklock

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CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IS THIS REGULARLY USED ARROWSIC OBJECT?

Hint: It's something we have been using to let the light in. E-mail your answer to peacefulquinn@gmail.com, or put it in the Arrowsic box in the Town Hall. Those who guess right will have their names printed in the next Arrow.

Paul Schlein

ARROWSIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPLORATION

On Sunday November 9 the Arrowsic Conservation Commission invites you to join us for our annual exploration of the island. Meet at the Kahl property gate off the Baldhead Rd at 9:30 AM. This year we will be walking to the Back River passing by a floating bog. Bring binoculars for viewing birds and distance bog vegetation. If you have any questions or need directions, please call 443-9795. Rain date is November 16.

Karen Robbins

TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2014

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Recycling is mandatory! Recycling services each day listed
Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact John Hinds, Roz Arienti, Roz Mclean, Paul Schlein, or Damian Sokol.

CAR REGISTRATIONS

Looking for your car or truck registration? Check out the website:

THE ARROWSIC ARROW AT A CROSSROADS--THE PATH IS NOW CLEAR!

At the end of September, about a dozen interested town members met to discuss the future of The Arrowsic Arrow, the town newsletter that has been continuously published and distributed to Arrowsic residents for more than 25 years. With the creation of the town website, the increase in the use of e-mail to communicate information to town members, and the costs associated with the production of The Arrow, the Selectmen called this meeting to discuss the newsletter's future.

Meeting participants discussed the history and evolution of The Arrow, from its inception as a privately produced publication, covering a wide range of subjects and town issues, to its current status as more of a bulletin board for town notices, meetings, car registrations, etc., with all costs paid for by the town. As conversation continued, it became abundantly clear that the town was in need of more things to bring residents together, to create more of a sense of community, and The Arrow was quickly identified as a possible vehicle that might help accomplish this.

A brainstorming session ensued for what could be included in future issues of the newsletter, in addition to current features, including poems, short fiction, historical information, articles culled from past issues, committee/Selectmen reports, etc. The obvious need to get more help to do all this was discussed, and three volunteers came forward to offer their assistance to current editor Quinn Blacklock in helping to put everything together. These volunteers would work on soliciting and developing the content for each issue, and Quinn, who has put The Arrow together for six years, would continue on the design and production end to produce the final publication.

The results of everyone’s efforts follow for your enjoyment and review. Your ideas, suggestions, and feedback would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail Quinn at peacefulquinn@gmail.com, or put your comments in the Arrow box in the Town Hall. Enjoy!

Paul Schlein
ENHANCED WILDLIFE AND FISH PASS CULVERT INSTALLED

After working nearly eight years to restore fish passage to Sewall Pond, a new concrete box culvert was opened to fish passage on September 24. The new four foot by five foot culvert was primarily designed to provide safe passage for anadromous species (fish that use both fresh and salt water habitats in their life cycle) such as alewives, blueback herring and American eel. At the same time, it accommodates amphibians, turtles and mammals, such as mink and muskrat, which commonly cross the roadway. Sewall Pond has a phosphorus concentration that exceeds EPA maximum allowable and the Arrowsic Conservation Commission (ACC) has been working with various state agencies to improve the pond’s water quality. After learning that alewives are net exporters of phosphorus the Commission decided to take an eco-system approach to correcting the water quality problem by restoring the alewife run to its historic levels. Fall 2006, ACC identified three barriers to fish passage along Sewall Creek. We received grant money in 2008, removed the dilapidated concrete structure in Sewall Creek and restored the adjacent habitat. This removed two of the barriers to passage. The third barrier was the 30 inch metal outlet culvert that did not provide adequate water levels for fish to pass during dry and low flow periods. Working with hydrologic engineers and fish biologists, a conceptual design for a safe pass culvert targeting multiple species was generated, further vetted and finalized this past spring. Concurrently, ACC partnered with Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) and received a Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Grant (MNRCP) to cast and install the designed culvert.

In the first two weeks after installation we have documented thousands of juvenile alewives and a green frog using the culvert and are very hopeful that it will function as designed going forward. It should be noted that your, or one of your neighbors’, effort has been instrumental to making this project a success. The Conservation Commission thanks you! – Volunteers have given over 200 hours each year beginning spring 2007 for a total of over 1400 hours to date. Volunteers have monitored the spring in-migration, beach seined in the summer, monitored the out-migration, done water quality sampling every two weeks during the open water season, sampled, identified and enumerated zooplankton, conducted historical research, procured Historic Preservation permits, created art design and fund raised, provided legal assistance, provided work space or supply storage for monitors and the installation contractor, and patiently accommodated the temporary road closure. Thanks again to everyone. Monitoring will continue for the next five years in order to determine the level of success of the restoration. If you would like to participate, please contact an Arrowsic Conservation Commission member.

Karen Robbins