

The Arrowsic Arrow

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From The Selectmen

Help Wanted

At Town Meeting on June 17, there will be an election to fill the Treasurer's position previously held by Ray Paradis.

The position requires reasonable financial management, organizational and analytical skills, familiarity with double entry accounting (debits and credits), and knowledge of basic accounting software like *Peachtree* or *Quick Books*.

Having someone to oversee Arrowsic's finances and advise the Selectmen on financial matters is critically important to the operation of the town and a requirement of the State. Recently, the Selectmen have had difficulty finding qualified people willing to take on elected and committee vacancies. Please contact Larry, Michele or Sukey if you are interested in the position or have any suggestions.

Other vacancies include Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Road Commission.

Town Properties

Two years ago, the Selectmen and the Properties Committee began a process of assessing the condition of our town buildings for the purpose of protecting our investments and coming up with a continuing maintenance plan.

At the Town Hall, the formerly damp basement was rehabilitated to provide dry storage for town records. A concrete floor was poured, new windows installed, the walls insulated and shelves added. Roofing repairs were made to stop several leaks.

At the Old Fire Barn, we were asked by our insurance company to make several repairs including replacing rotten roof shingles on the north side. Given the rising cost of heating the building, we thought it would be smart to replace the single pane

Dates to Remember

June 2nd - RSU 1 meeting to vote on the budget, 6pm, Bath Middle School.

June 3rd - Public hearing to review the proposed changes to the Arrowsic Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Town Hall, 6:30 pm.

June 9th - RSU #1 Construction Referendum, vote at Town Hall, 10am-8pm.

June 17th - Town Meeting, Georgetown Central School, 6:30 pm, bring your Annual Report

windows to reduce heat loss. As we began to plan installation, it became clear that the windows were really only the start of what the building needed and that before we invested any more money, we should look at the big picture.

Because of the many issues concerning the building, including its overall condition, and capacity for storing equipment and providing space and facilities for equipment maintenance, the Selectmen have decided to get help in addressing the problem. There will be an article on this year's warrant asking for permission to appoint a committee to quantify the issues and make a recommendation to address them. We hope to be able to vote on the recommendations at the 2010 Town Meeting.



The April 16th Wild , Edible and Medicinal Plants of Arrowsic walk. Led by Noreen Blaiklock, this was the first of the Summer Explorations Series offered by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (formerly LKRLT) The rest of the series is listed at www.kennebecestuary.org.

ATV Registrations Due

ATV registrations expire 6/30/09. 2010 stickers are available at the Town Hall. Come in and renew your registration. Thanks.

Message from the Solid Waste

Solid waste management has many parts: single stream recycling, household trash, hazardous waste, universal waste, recycling outside the single stream, diverting items for reuse or donation, composting, and making smart purchase choices. On any trash day, inappropriate waste can be found at the curb in Arrowsic.

We do not have a transfer station where someone sorts our trash before it goes to a landfill or a recycling center. Nor do we have a city collection system, which controls what is being collected. We haven't been rejecting inappropriate trash at the curb, and we haven't fined people who are mismanaging their household waste. In this community it's up to each individual household to follow guidelines to ensure that its waste stream is managed properly.

Much of our trash that goes to the Bath Landfill does not pass Bath's current standards. We depend on Bath to accept our household waste. Will they keep accepting it? If they don't, our costs for disposal will go up significantly, as we try to find another destination.

Honors Garden

The Honors Garden Committee is please to learn that the Bath Garden Club has allocated \$1000 from the 2010 budget to help in the development of the Arrowsic Town Hall Gardens. The club chooses 2 or 3 special projects each year in addition to the usual activity with youth, main street Bath, camper-ships, garden therapy etc.

This money is raised from the Plant Sale held in the Bath City Park every year on the 3rd Saturday in May. Please support this event and its efforts to continue to improve our beautiful landscape.

Members of the committee are excited about this gift, and eager to make further plans. Anyone wishing to join us will be welcome. If you are interested contact Betty Wilson at bettyw@wildblue.net or 443-6970 or committee members Ann Ater, Dena Bachman, Deirdre Barton, Melanie Bertschy, Marty Hill, Bob Rogers, and Mille Stafford.

Truly managing a household's waste requires thought and effort. This committee has tried to be helpful by providing the most accurate information we can in a timely manner. Please take the time to review the guidelines available in the shed to see what adjustments you may need to make. We, in turn, will check that the information at the town shed and on the website is as up-to-date as possible. To those who are waiting for more useful answers on what to do with certain hard-to-manage items, we are working on getting verified answers posted.

Solid waste management requires time sensitive work by this committee on several fronts. We are looking for new members to help us. If you are interested in joining us then please call and we will provide more information. You will also need to meet with the Board of Selectmen as part of this process.

Please read our entry in the upcoming annual report and take note of what we ask of you at the end.

ASWC

Important Notice

Problems In Arrowsic's Single Stream Recycling

We first posted a version of this notice on the front of the town shed in December of '08.' Our collector and processors report the following problems that must be corrected:

Absolutely

- 1) No plastic bags of any kind even to hold recyclables
- 2) No styrofoam
- 3) All cardboard must be flattened and free of any styrofoam or plastic parts. Packing tape and embedded strips are acceptable.
- 4) No containers which have contained hazardous materials (dry gas, oil, antifreeze, etc.) even if they have been cleaned out

Since December Arrowsic has improved on flattening cardboard. However some households still throw it away as trash, and all the other problems listed here persist without much improvement.

We do not know how long they will tolerate our failure to solve these problems nor do we know what action(s) they might take in response.

Please do your part!

Arrowsic Alewife Restoration Project

You may have noticed a lot of activity early mornings and evenings in April and May at the Sewall Pond outlet culvert. That would be Arrowsic Alewife Restoration Volunteers (Amy Smith, Gretchen MacLeod, Larry and Betty Wilson, Bob and Janice Rogers, Phine Ewing, Nancy Sferra, Will Neilson, Sukey Heard, Karen Robbins) continuing the monitoring program started in 2007.

Alewives are anadromous fish that return to natal habitat to spawn as adults in early spring. After hatching, the juveniles will summer in the pond. Juveniles migrate out with the fall rains to the near ocean where they will spend 3 – 4 years before returning to spawn. Unlike some other species, alewives will live 7-10 years and return to spawn several times in their lifetime. As forage fish (eaten by striped bass, cod, other marine predators), themselves zooplankton (eating microscopic invertebrates), they are important to the marine food web



and as a nutrient link between the nearshore and freshwater habitats. They are also important as bait for the lobster fishery at a time of year when little else is available.

In an effort to understand the alewife population using Sewall Creek to access Sewall Pond, volunteers have given over 600 hours, more than 200 of them in 2008. Monitors begin each season by counting, sexing and aging (taking scale samples) the in-migrating adults. Every two weeks May thru October volunteers sample water quality (clarity, temperature, total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, conductivity, dissolved oxygen and salinity) and zooplankton in Sewall Pond. During late summer, volunteers beach seine



for juveniles and sample stomach contents to determine what the juveniles are eating. During the fall migration, numbers of juveniles leaving the pond are counted.

A grant from Fish America Foundation allowed for the restoration of the streambed and fish passage at the deteriorating concrete structure in the fall of 2008. This spring volunteers will be tagging a subsample of the in-migrating adults to determine the effectiveness of the restoration. The data collected will help determine how the alewives are interacting with the creek and pond habitat and hopefully show the town's efforts are effectively supporting the alewife and other marine species. Arrowsic's data in combination with data collected by others groups such as DMR and USM – Aquatic Systems Group will develop a more complete understanding of the Gulf of Maine ecosystem.

Please speak with one of the volunteers if you would like to participate or learn more about this project.



A New School Coming to Woolwich

RSU residents overwhelmingly voted to approve an \$18.9 million new school in Woolwich. The vote was 984 for, 218 against. When 82% of voters approve of a new school, you know that our residents support education. But, it was even better in Arrowsic, where the vote was 66-6, a 93% affirmation of the new school. Construction will start in June 2010. We are already receiving school choice applications to enroll in Woolwich. Given that Arrowsic has no school, I don't want parents of very young children to lose out on enrolling your children in Woolwich through lack of information. So, if you have a child that is of school age or will be of school age within the next three years, you should call me and let me know if you desire to have your child attend the Woolwich school.

The new school will be a 'green' school with solar lighting, wood chip heating and a very tight envelope that will conserve heat. It will have a full size gymnasium, a separate cafeteria/auditorium and beautiful labs and community forum space to provide room for student projects and discussions. Needless to say, we are very happy, and very grateful to have communities that invests in their children's future.

Please call if you have any questions. I don't want any child to lose out on this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

William C. Shuttleworth

From the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Folks,

I want to update the residents of Arrowsic about the RSU #1 budget for the 2009-2010 school year. The total budget for the RSU is down a little over \$7,000 from last year with a modest increase in local contribution of 2.16%. The local increase is a result of less carry forward balance and less state subsidy. It should be noted that despite the fact that there is a budget to budget decrease, we have continued our commitment to improving education in this district.

Let's look at what we have added to this budget:

- Three new Advanced Placement Classes at Morse High School
- Increased services to Gifted and Talented Students as we double the number of students to be served by addressing those children with art and music talent (required by state and federal law)
- Pre-K for about 50-60 children, for 4 year old children, culminating a vision that this board has established from day one of operation.
- Expanding Expeditionary Learning training and programming for all students at Woolwich
- Establishing a pilot Expeditionary Learning program at West Bath.
- Fully funding a boat building program for specially selected students at Woolwich in conjunction with the Maine Maritime Museum.
- Firming the programming and training for Tools of the Mind curriculum for kindergarten children at Phippsburg.
- Expanding the MLTI laptop program at Morse High School for all students and staff in grades 9-12.
- Increased support for struggling students in reading and math through our BOOST Program.
- Shared assistant principal role for BMS and Morse, creating that necessary administrative link for 8th graders as they transition into the High School as 9th graders.

RSU 2009-2010
Budget Preparation Schedule:

- Piloting 'netbooks' in three elementary schools as an alternative to the much higher priced full sized laptop notebooks.
- Adding Electricity, a second Culinary Arts Program (for 9th and 10 graders) and Diversified Occupations (for special needs students) at BRVC.
- Senior Projects/Literacy Coach for Morse High School, an exciting high standard position to increase academic rigor in the senior year.
- Fully funding Camp Kieve for 8th graders and extending that opportunity for all 8th graders in both WW and BMS.
- A half day of music at Phippsburg and West Bath to meet the needs of all students.
- Supporting art and music presentations and assemblies to each school.
- Continued maintenance and repairs for our schools as we implement a five year plan to keep our schools safe, efficient and accessible.

How does the proposed budget affect Arrowsic? It would appear that the taxes are going up by 11.48% with an increase of \$48,994 to the town. But, in actuality, the amount of total local costs has decreased by \$63,506. In the current budget, the town of Arrowsic brought forward a balance of \$112,500 that offset the town's local contribution in 08-09. Arrowsic's share of the RSU budget has decreased from 2.97% to 2.91%. In the current school year 2008-2009, Arrowsic's share before the beginning balance adjustment was \$539,432.. In the 2009-2010 proposed budget, Arrowsic will be asked to pay \$475,926, the difference being the \$63,506 noted above. That your budget was offset by this one time large carry over in this year's budget makes it appear that your expenses next year are rising, but as I have pointed out, they have decreased.

All things considered, we have delivered a great proposal to continue providing a great education for kids. Arrowsic has been a huge supporter of education and we thank you for that strong support.

Sincerely,

William C. Shuttleworth
Superintendent

June 2: Public meeting to vote on the school budget--Bath Middle School, 6:00 pm

June 9: Budget Validation Referendum--
Arrowsic Town Hall, 10:00 am -8:00 pm

Please remember that the budget validation process is comprised of two parts: 1) the public meeting vote on June 2, and 2) the referendum on June 9. Your attendance, input, comments and suggestions are important and always welcome at the RSU #1 meetings. If you can't come to the meetings and have comments, please e-mail or call the RSU representatives from Arrowsic, Tim Harkins (timharkins3@aol.com, 442-8134) and Francie Tolan (tolans@peoplepc.com, 443-4893).

*Arrowsic
Scholarship Fund*

Yard Sale

*Sat. June 20th
9am - Noon
Town Hall*

Bring your gently used items to Town Hall at 8am on Saturday or drop them at the Blaiklock's, 31 Old Stage Road, before the day of the sale.

Thank you !

Car Registrations

March	Warner, J.	Root, D.	Harkins, E.
Ames, H.	Warner, K.	Shaw, J.	Harkins, T.
Bassett, D.	Yeaton, G.	Shover, E.	Heard, S.
Blanchard, H.	<u>April</u>	Stone, J.	Hewlett, H.
Burke, J.	Arsenault, P	Sullivan, T.	Jorgensen, M.
Davis, N.	Barnes, D.	Theodore, S.	(5)
Dunn, F.	Bejma, A.	Ware, D.	Jorgensen Land.
Elwell, K.	Beveridge, R.	Warner, J.	(3)
Forrest, R.	Blaiklock, J.	West, B.	Kingsbury, R.
Heard, R.	Blaiklock, J.	Wilson, E.	Lebrun, L.
Innerfield, B.	Brown, L.	Wood, J.	Lyden, D.
Innerfield, B.	Brown, M.	<u>May</u>	McGowen, B.
Johnson, R.	Bryant, D.	Armstrong, S.	Mcluer, J.
Jones, J.	Detwiler, B.	Arsenault, M.	Mohr, M.
Robbins Construc.	Dresser, C.	Arsenault, P.	Oleary, R.
King, S.	Dunn, D.	Beaton, D.	Paradis, R.
Knowles, E.	Dunn, F.	Brett, J.	Pinette, J.
Law, D.	Elwell, M.	Brooks, D.	Rhythmic Cable
Lebrun, J.	Fitzherbert, D.	Brown, F.	Robbins, K.
Lyden, D.	Guckenburg, M.	Brown Stump, N.	Rollins, E.
Macmahan, J.	Gunston, K.	Campbell, S.	Sawan, A.
Macmahan, J.	Hill, F.	Carlton, A.	Spencer, J.
Macdonald, F.	Huene, A.	Carlton, K.	Ulmer, W.
McGowan, B.	Jones, J.	Caton, R.	Warner, L.
Nelson, R.	Jorensen Land. (3)	Chaffee, B.	Webster, E.
Nkweld-Diambu	Kingsbury, B.	Chapin, E.	Weiss, D.
Packard, P.	Kingsbury, R.	Conner, P.	Weiss, S.
Packard, P.	Kurrus, C.	Cossart, M.	Wilson, L.
Page, R.	Levesque R. (4)	Cunningham, L.	Wiseman, E.
Pinette, J.	Maggied, S.	Cunningham, P.	<u>June</u>
Schlien, P.	Martin, A.	Elwell, R.	Bassett, M.
Starbirs, J.	McLuer, J.	Elwell, S.	Belleville, R.
Sullivan, M.	Neilson, W.	Fitzherbert, D.	Beveridge, K.
Sullivan, T.	Orr, E.	Galuzza, L.	Blaiklock, W.
Thomas, R.	Packard, N.	Geigher, M.	Brett, J.
Tolan, J.	Paule, S.	Giles, S.	Campbell, S.
Walker, S.	Ron Elwell Plumb.	Hanson, J.	Caton, R.

Arrowsic Trash & Recycling Calendar 2009

June	5	12*	19	26*
July	3	10*	17	24* 31
August	7*	14	21*	28
Sept.	4*		18*	
Oct	2*		16*	30
Nov.		13*		27*
Dec.		11*		26* **

*Denotes that curbside recycling is picked up
 ** Dec. 26th pick up is Saturday
 Solid waste information is available 24/7 in the
 shed at town hall and at arrowsic.org.

Chapin, B.	Jorgensen, M.(3)	Root, D.
Coleman, G.	Kehl, J.	Ross, W.
Crabtree, R.	Kimball, S.	Ross, W.
Crepeau, P.	Kingsbury, R.	Roy, S.
Downs, G.	Kreindler, M.	Simmons, C.
Dunn, F.	Lachapelle, O.	Sokol, D.
Elwell, B.	Martin, A>	Stone, J.
Ewing, J.	McLean, R.	Stone, J.
Fatscher, R.	Miller, A>	Sullivan, T.
Gaillard, M.	Miller, A>	Tarbox, C.
Galuzza, J.	Miller, E.	Tolan, J.
Gibbons, L.	Olde Kennebec	Weiss, D.
Giles, S.	Wood Cookery	Weiss, H.
Giles, S.	Packard, P.	
Gilliam, G.	Robinson, H.	
Gunston, K.	Robinson, M.	

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