Conservation Commission News

YARDSCAPING TALK
On April 15, Gary Fish came to Arrowsic and gave a talk on yardscaping, and ways to minimize reliance on pesticides. The talk was well attended, but for those of you who were unable to attend, three important points stood out. First, pick plants that grow easily in this area and don’t require a lot of special care; native plants fit this bill. Also, rely on a variety of plants rather than a heavy concentration of any one plant. Second, check labels of all garden supplies carefully, because pesticides are often incorporated into products that the buyer would not expect to find them in (such as in many mulches, composts, or “three-in-one seeds” (seeds plus fertilizer plus pesticides). Finally, check the State’s yardscaping website at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/yardscaping/index.htm

There are many helpful links on this site, including one to help identify garden pests and what to do about them; a link to nurseries in this state that sell native plants; a link to University of Maine cooperative extension information, and much more.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

The Conservation Commission extends a hearty thank you to all who participated in the roadside clean up in early May. It is a hard and dirty job, and we appreciate all those hearty souls who come out to brave the bugs and the grimy trash. We had about 30 volunteers, and all the major roads were covered. Over the years, the trend seems to be fewer bulky items, like broken furniture and old computers, for which we are grateful. The roadsides look much better!

Phine Ewing

Update on West Bath Lawsuit by the Select Board

West Bath is suing our town for $183,526 in a case that started last year. West Bath is also suing RSU1, Bath and Woolwich – for a total claim to $1.9 million. West Bath claims that the defendants in the case unjustly benefited from the way RSU1 allocated costs across municipalities from 2008 to 2012.

Last year, the Select Board selected a lawyer, Rufus Brown, to represent us. Mr. Brown has focused specifically on Arrowsic’s interests and worked with us to keep costs down. He has researched the legal issues and background, prepared initial motions and worked with the attorneys for the other defendants.

After a hearing last summer, the County Court denied motions to dismiss the suit. In December, Arrowsic and other defendants submitted a request for Summary Judgment, which was heard by the Court on May 6th. A ruling is expected over the summer in which the Judge may allow Arrowsic to leave the case.

In a special town meeting on March 6, 2013, residents approved $15,000 for legal fees in addition to the funds normally budgeted for legal services ($2,000 last fiscal year & $4,000 this fiscal year). In a second special meeting this year, on March 16, 2014, Town residents approved another $15,000 for our defense in the case. As of May 1st, we had spent $25,616 on the lawsuit. At the March 16 meeting, residents discussed their concerns regarding the lack of information about the case, ways to limit legal expenses, and options for the Town in the event the summary judgment is either denied, or approved and appealed. Once we have the Court’s ruling on the Summary Judgment, expected early this summer, the Select Board will reevaluate our options for settling or pursuing the case in consultation with the Town. If you have specific questions or comments, feel free to one of the Selectmen.

Bill Savedoff

CAR REGISTRATIONS

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

Upcoming Dates to remember:

May 27 - RSU 1 District Budget meeting at 6:00 pm at the Bath Middle School – this is where the school budget is finalized. The budget is available from a link on our web site: www.arrowsic.org

June 8 – Morse High School Graduation

June 9 – Selectmen’s meeting at 6:00
Planning Board Hearing at 7:00
Hearing on proposed new Education Committee at 7:30

June 10 – Election
To vote on the RSU 1 Budget Validation Referendum and a local contested office.

June 18 – Arrowsic Annual Town Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station.

June 28 yard sale 9am—12noon
Please bring items to the town hall starting at 7am. Call Jeremy if you need other arrangements

The Arrow is available 24/7 on the Arrowsic website www.arrowsic.org

We are (relatively) paperless! If you want a paper copy of the Arrow, please pick one up at the Town Hall.

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The Wawenock Sail & Power Squadron is a unit of United States Power Squadrons, serving the Coastal region of Maine between Casco Bay and Muscongus Bay.

The United States Power Squadrons is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. Our motto is “Come for the Boating Education….Stay for the Friends.

Thank you,
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How Safe Boats Save Lives and Money!

To find out, have a free Vessel Safety Check! It’s a courtesy examination of your personal boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiners are trained specialists and are members of the Wawenock Sail & Power Squadron, other branches of the USPS, or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They can come to your boat and can make certain recommendations that will make you and your boat safer.

The inspection is not a boarding or law enforcement issue. No citations are given as a result of the inspection. The examiners will supply you with a copy of their evaluation sheet so that you can follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass are given a distinctive VSC decal indicating compliance.

Passing a vessel exam may also result in a discount on your boat insurance. This does not exempt you from law enforcement or Coast Guard boarding, but is simply to make your boating experience safer. For more information, or to schedule a VSC, visit the website http://www.usps.org/wawenock or contact:

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59 Plummer Rd, Southport, ME 04576  (603-616-9800)

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TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2014

January 10 24     February 7 21
March  7 21     April 4 18
May  2 16 30     June 6* 13 20* 27
July 5* 11 18* 25 July 5th is a Saturday pick up day.
August 1* 8 15* 22 29* September 5 19
October 3 17 31 November 14 28
December 12 26

* Denotes trash only/ no recycling on this date.

Recycling is mandatory!

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

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

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In Memorium

Celia M. Carlton, 97, of Arrowsic Road, died peacefully Saturday, March 29, 2014, at Cove’s Edge in Damariscotta.
She was born in Friendship on June 28, 1916, a daughter of Frank M. and Villa B. Eugley Morse. She grew up in Friendship and moved to Bath in 1930 and attended local schools and Morse High School.
On July 9, 1934, she married Howard H. Carlton and they made their home in Arrowsic.
Celia worked at Stinson Canning Co. for a number of years, and also served as the Arrowsic Town Clerk for several years.
She was an accomplished artist and sold her paintings during the summer. She also enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and trips to Foxwoods, but her greatest passion was her family and caring for her grandchildren. She was also proud of the fact that she voluntarily gave up her driver’s license at age 90 even though she didn’t need to.
Celia was a member of the Arrowsic Fire Department Auxiliary.

T.V. By Celia Carlton

She is predeceased by her husband, who died Dec. 8, 1998; a son, Vernon Carlton; a grandson, Howard Tardiff; three brothers; and five sisters.
Surviving are her son, Richard Carlton of Woolwich; a daughter, June Tardiff of Arrowsic; seven grandchildren; many great-grand and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Arrowsic Fire Department Boosters, 340 Arrowsic Road, Arrowsic, ME 04530.
The family would like extend a special thank you to the Interim Home Care and Hospice at Cove’s Edge during her declining health.
To express your thoughts and condolences to the family, please visit www.desmondfuneralhomes.com.

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Floyd L Dunn, Sr., 80, of Arrowsic, entered into peaceful rest February 12, 2014 at his home with his devoted family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Dolores (Forte) Dunn. Mr. Dunn was born on March 13, 1933 in Machias, Maine, son of the late Clarence and Lucy (Pagent) Dunn. He resided in Arrowsic since 1963, formerly of Machias.
Floyd attended school in Bath and was a US Army veteran and worked at Bath Iron Works as a pipe fitter for 30 years. Floyd loved spending time with his family and his grandchildren, also spending time on Sibley Pond with family and friends. He was an avid outdoors-man, loved hunting, fishing, and always had a project in hand.
Floyd is predeceased by his former wife, June (Lawrence) Dunn; brother, Clarence Dunn, Jr., and sister, Nancy (Dunn) Wallace. Floyd leaves his loving family, son Floyd Dunn, Jr., and his wife Sally, daughter Melody (Dunn) Fitzherbert and her husband David, daughter Elisa (Dunn) Bradford and her husband John and five grandchildren Lucy, David, Becky, Tim and Jared and one great-grandchild, Greyson. He also leaves behind his extended family Ann Dunn and family, Steven and Lisa Dunn and family, Donna and Rick Markey and family, Jeff and Christy Dunn and family and many nieces and nephews.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Chan’s Hospice Care, 60 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, Maine 04011
You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences and fond memories with the Dunn family by visiting their guestbook at www.desmondfuneralhomes.com. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2014.
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