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**The Arrowsic Arrow**

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**Public Forum for the New Woolwich School**

There will be forum on Feb. 4, 6p.m. at Town Hall. The Woolwich School building committee will be bringing a model of the new school as well as financial information. They are looking for questions and feedback from residents. This is an opportunity prior to the March 25th referendum to get information and ask questions about the project. There will be a region-wide vote on Wednesday, March 25th. The final approval of this project depends on

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**Notice!**

Arrowsic has been having problems with single stream recycling

The contractors have complained repeatedly about contaminants in our curbside stream.

If the load of recyclables continues to be contaminated, it may revert to trash.

**ABSOLUTELY**

• No plastic bags of any kind, even to hold recyclables.

• No Styrofoam

All cardboard must be flattened and free of any styrofoam or plastic

No containers which have housed hazardous materials (dry gas, oil, antifreeze, etc.) even if they have been cleaned out

Let’s get it right!

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**Internet Connection Update**

Pioneer is the company wanting to bring DSL to Arrowsic. The difficulty for Pioneer is in obtaining the rights to use Fairpoint’s lines and equipment; it has been a time consuming process transferring Verizon’s interest to Fairpoint. However, this transfer is in the final phase. Starting around the first of February there will be a 30 day freeze, put in place by Verizon and Fairpoint, on new customer orders and disconnects and other activities such as allowing Pioneer to start DSL installation. This means that after the 30 day period (if not extended) Pioneer may be able to start installing DSL.

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Ralph Pope leads a lichen and moss walk to Squirrel Point on November 9.

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**From The Georgetown School**

Winter has arrived, exciting things continue to happen here every day! Our math team is busy preparing for their first meet this month, the Leadership Club collected enough food for nine Thanksgiving food baskets, and Theater Kids will be starting soon. We can’t wait to find out what this year’s play will be!

The ground has been cleared for our greenhouse and if you drive by, you’ll see that we have the frame up. We have lots of ideas on how to use the greenhouse, including science projects and growing winter vegetables for our kitchen. We are very grateful to Dale Savoie and Frank Piechowski for all their groundwork help!

Teamwork for Kids, now in it’s third year, welcomed nine pre-kindergartners and their parents to our school in November. Throughout the year, they’ll visit once a month for fun activities and more opportunities to meet our staff and get familiar with our school. We have found that after participating in the program, new kindergartners make a very smooth and happy transition to school in September.

Local boat builder Wil Ansel has agreed to build another boat with our students this spring. He has chosen a design created by his son that is slightly longer than the pram we built our first year. Building will begin in March, but look for our launching celebration in early June! The boat will be raffled off at the 2009 Working League Fair in August.

Don’t forget that we are participating in the Shaws Rewards Program. Send in your weekly grocery receipt (with debit card and credit card info blacked out, please) and give them to Mrs. Thibodeau. Our school will earn 1% cash back for our school to do some special programming for our children. What an easy way to earn money! As always, we are collecting Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels. Last year, we collected a lot! Please keep them coming in!
House Numbers

It has been noted by the Fire Department that some house numbers are now covered with snow. House numbers are necessary so that emergency vehicles can find your house.

The fire department offers these two suggestions: put your house number on a tree (preferably 4” high - the letters not the tree) and mark both sides of your mailbox with your house number.

Car Registrations

November
Ames, S.
Ater, M.
Bertschy, M.
Blaiklock, W.
Brett, C.
Brummer, K.
Dunn, J.
Elwell, R.
Grill, C.
Harkins E.
Jorgensen L.
Kahrl, J. (2)
King, K.
Lee, D.
Macleod, J.
Orr, W.
Platt, S.
Rogers, J.
Rogers, R.
Roy, S.
Schumaker, W.
Simmons, T.
Starbird, J.
Thomas, K.
TTEE
Weiss, D.
Woodruff, M.

December
Brawn, P.

Arrowsic Trash & Recycling Calendar 2009

January 9*23*February 6*20*March 6*20*April 3*17*May 1*15*29*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 as well as trash
**Dec. 26 pick up is Saturday
Solid waste information is available 24/7 in the shed at town hall and at arrowsic.org

Town of Arrowsic
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530

Dates to Remember:
February 4th
New Woolwich School Forum
6pm, Town Hall

March 25th
Referendum for Woolwich School vote at Town Hall

Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
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 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.

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

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.

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.
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 pleased 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!
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 zooplanktores (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 invest 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.
• 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

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**RSU 2009-2010**

**Budget Preparation Schedule:**

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).

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**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
Ames, H.
Bassett, D.
Blanchard, H.
Burke, J.
Davis, N.
Dunn, F.
Elwell, K.
Forrest, R.
Heard, R.
Innerfield, B.
Innerfield, B.
Johnson, R.
Jones, J.
Robbins Construc.
King, S.
Knowles, E.
Law, D.
Lebrun, J.
Lyden, D.
Macmahan, J.
Macmahan, J.
Macdonald, F.
McGowan, B.
Nelson, R.
Nkweld-Diambu
Packard, P.
Packard, P.
Page, R.
Pinette, J.
Schlien, P.
Starbirs, J.
Sullivan, M.
Sullivan, T.
Thomas, R.
Tolan, J.
Walker, S.
Warner, J.
Warner, K.
Yeaton, G.

April
Arsenault, P.
Barnes, D.
Bejma, A.
Beveridge, R.
Blai kwlock, J.
Blai kwlock, J.
Brown, L.
Brown, M.
Bryant, D.
Dettwiler, B.
Dresser, C.
Dunn, D.
Dunn, F.
Elwell, M.
Fitzherbert, D.
Guckenburg, M.
Gunston, K.
Hill, F.
Huene, A.
Jones, J.
Jorensen Land. (3)
Kingsbury, B.
Kingsbury, R.
Kurkus, C.
Levesque R. (4)
Maggied, S.
Martin, A.
McLuer, J.
Neison, W.
Orr, E.
Packard, N.
Paule, S.
Ron Elwell Plumb.
Root, D.
Shaw, J.
Shover, E.
Stone, J.
Sullivan, T.
Theodore, S.
Ware, D.
Warner, J.
West, B.
Wilson, E.
Wood, J.

May
Armstrong, S.
Arsenault, M.
Arsenault, P.
Beaton, D.
Brett, J.
Brooks, D.
Brown, F.
Brown Stump, N.
Campbell, S.
Carlton, A.
Carlton, K.
Caton, R.
Chaffee, B.
Chapin, E.
Conner, P.
Cossart, P.
Cunningham, L.
Cunningham, P.
Elwell, R.
Elwell, S.
Fitzherbert, D.
Galuz, L.
Geigher, M.
Giles, S.
Hanson, J.
Harkins, E.
Harkins, T.
Heard, S.
Hewlett, H.
Jorgensen, M.(5)
Jorgensen Land. (3)
Kingsbury, R.
Lebrun, L.
Lyden, D.
McGowen, B.
McLuer, J.
Mehr, M.
Oleary, R.
Paradis, R.
Pinette, J.
Rhythmic Cable
Robbins, K.
Rollins, E.
Sawan, A.
Spencer, J.
Ulmer, W.
Warner, L.
Webster, E.
Weiss, D.
Weiss, S.
Wilson, L.
Wiseman, E.

June
Bassett, M.
Belleville, R.
Beveridge, K.
Blai kwlock, W.
Brett, J.
Campbell, S.
Caton, R.
Jorgensen, M.(3)
Root, D.
Kehl, J.
Kimball, S.
Kingsbury, R.
Kreindler, M.
Lachapelle, O.
Martin, A.
McLean, R.
Miller, A.
Miller, A.
Miller, E.
Olde Kennebec
Wood Cookery
Packard, P.
Robinson, H.
Robinson, M.

Arrowsic Trash & Recycling
Calendar 2009

June 5 12* 19 26*
July 3 10* 17 24* 31
August 7* 14 21* 28
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Honors Ceremony at Town Hall

The Honors Garden Committee invites you to come to Town Hall, October 3rd at 10 am to a ceremony honoring Wilber Loveitt and our Volunteer Fire Women and Men.

Wilber Loveitt held many town positions and served as a Selectman for twenty six consecutive years from 1958 to 1984. The 1985 Arrowsic Annual Report was dedicated to Wilber for his uncommon mixture of dedication, wisdom, skill and compassion. He is being honored with the planting of a Hydrangea paniculata ‘Tardiva’ given by his wife, Ethel.

The second planting, an Azalea calandulaceum (Flame Azalea), is given by our three Selectman to honor the men and women of the our Volunteer Fire Department who spend many hours in training, answering local and mutual aid calls. This is also an opportunity to see our new (to us) brush truck. Presence at this ceremony is one way to show our appreciation for our dedicated fire department volunteers and honor an individual that helped make Arrowsic the wonderful town it is today.

Web Site Update
Paul Kalkstein Webmaster

www.arrowsic.com needs pictures of our beautiful island. If you have any digital images (of Arrowsic houses, flowers, rivers, pets, husbands, whatever) that you would share with web visitors, please email them to news@arrowsic.org. I also welcome any suggestions or comments about arrowsic.org.

Threats to the Forests of Maine
Monday, September 21 at 7 pm, Town Hall

Nancy Sferra will be giving a presentation on the threat of Asian longhorne beetle and other non-native insect pests (emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, sirex wood wasp, brown spruce longhorn beetle) to the forests of Maine and how the average citizen can help. The talk will last about 1/2 hour and there will be handouts.

The talk will be hosted by The Conservation Commission.

Maria Grill Retires from the Arrow

Many thanks to Maria for her years of diligent editorial work!

Ad Hoc Fire Department Facilities Committee Begins Work

The Town Selectmen have been directed to assemble a committee to study the Fire Department facilities situation. This study is based on the passage of a warrant article at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen have chosen five people from those who volunteered. Members include Dale Carlton, Nancy Sferra, Jeremy Blaklock, Rob Schultz, and Karen Robbins. The Selectmen will direct them to examine different options for housing the Fire Department equipment and gear. It is hoped that the committee’s work will help the Selectmen prepare a warrant article for the next Town Meeting.

The Selectmen will meet with members of the committee at their meeting on September 17.
Arrowsic Writers Read
Nancy Brown Stump

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, nineteen town folk gathered at the Arrowsic Town Hall for the Arrowsic Writers Read. This event happens irregularly, but no less than twice annually and has been going on since spring of 2003. To call the Arrowsic Writers Read a reading is perhaps misleading, since we’ve heard songs and watched films and enjoyed memorized recitations. Every read so far has offered diversity of subject as well as genre. At the most recent gathering, we were treated to some interesting town history, invited to a family funeral, sang a song about family even the family has yet to hear. We tipped and dipped and reflected on lost reflections. We laughed at Elvis in Dr. Jeremy Jumper’s patient’s colon. We witnessed fighting neighbors, wild and urban, and the spring that is transforming all our yards. We sobered when a woman in Bermuda shorts slipped from the Carlton Bridge and quieted for the sound of Tashunka Witco.

But, what am I thinking? The Arrowsic Writers Read cannot be understood in summation; we’re way more than explanations can convey. We’re one of those easy-to-take-for-granted miraculous happenings, like a meteor shower, our transient fiery streaks passing through earth’s atmosphere. Whatever it is that happens on those rare nights when we gather at the Town Hall to share stories, it is bigger than the sum of our parts. Try to imagine Aesop, a female Hemmingway, Isak Dinesen, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ani Defranco, Rod

Serling, Leslie Marnon Silko, e. e. cummings, and Eudora Welty gathered together in one room. Imagine each stepping up to an improvised lectern to read what they’ve written in their own distinctive voice. We are not they, but we are as different from one another as they are and as important, perhaps, to the writing culture of Arrowsic as they are and were to where they lived and died. They, like us, are the culmination of efforts of those who preceded them. And some of their continuing success is owing to our support of less lauded writers in our own lives.

So, come next time if not to read, then to listen and laud. Look for a sign on the Town Hall door or tied to the hand rail or tacked to the outside bulletin board or blown under the pines by a strong wind. Web master (and Arrowsic writer), Paul Kalkstein, will also post notice on the town website (www.arrowsic.org). Or feel free to call Nancy Brown Stump (442-7527) for further information.

News Around Town

✦ The Patten Free Library is now accepting reservations online for books from other libraries
✦ Monday, September 21, 7:00 pm Threats to the Forests of Maine talk
✦ October 3, 10:00 am, Town Hall Honors ceremony
✦ Please send all Arrow correspondence to Quinn Blaiklock organized@care2.com or put in the Arrow box at the Town Hall
✦ Remember to vote on November 3
RSU 1 Prepares for the H1N1 Virus

All schools in RSU 1 have been participating in discussions with state and local officials about the predicted spread of the H1N1 flu virus this winter. The Center for Disease Control and all state officials, including the Governor, have consented to provide free flu vaccines for all school aged children in Maine. To be best protected, medical officials will first provide the vaccine for the regular seasonal flu, followed by the vaccine for the H1N1 virus. Clinics will be held in each school and the intent is to give parents advanced information in order that all families can make an informed choice. No child will be given the vaccine without written parent or guardian permission. RSU 1 is also trying to secure support for having all staff included in this program.

Though it is not possible to predict the severity of this flu, Superintendent William Shuttleworth stated that there are some common sense things all people can do. Washing hands frequently, covering when coughing, staying home when you have a fever and making sure you see a doctor you have flu like symptoms. It is suggested that all children get outside every day and play hard, since fresh air builds strong endurance. Mr. Shuttleworth added that “to date the state does not plan on closing schools, only restricting children who have the flu, but we get new postings several times every day.” Parents will begin receiving information about the flu within the next several weeks.

Maine's Budget Woes Could Affect School Funding

The state of Maine announced to all school superintendents that it is very possible that as much as $60 to $100 million dollars may be cut from this current year’s school funding. That could mean as much as a million dollars to RSU #1 said William Shuttleworth, school superintendents. "Our budget has no contingency or rainy day fund, and a cut like this would have a devastating effect on our system. It could cut into programs and staff, and that hurts children," Shuttleworth said. At a meeting with all superintendents, many ideas were floated, but most of the big money ideas would require state legislation. Out of that conference, superintendents across the state suggested furlough days for teachers, a single teacher's contract state wide and more emphasis on consolidation and regional cooperation. Maine is heavily dependent on summer tourism for revenue and it was pretty apparent to everyone that traveled Route 1 this summer that the rains dampened the interests of people visiting Maine.

More information will likely to be coming from the Department of Education in the next several weeks.

RSU 1 Focuses on Wellness

With a new wellness policy, RSU 1 kids will see more salad bars, more locally grown food and more fruit on the menu. School celebrations will phase out cupcakes and cookies in favor of watermelon slices and vegetable platters. Exercise is underscored as vital to the health and welfare of all children. All schools will continue the partnership with Mid-Coast Hospital in the 5-2-1-0 Program. (Five helpings of fruits and vegetables every day, no more than 2 hours in front of a television or video screen, 1 hour of good physical activity and 0 sugar drinks). The policy meets the federal mandate that all schools develop clear expectations to improve school lunches and school provided snacks. While the policy encourages that we serve healthy options at sports events and community gatherings held at school, the RSU board felt that it is best to work collaboratively with community groups instead of a heavy handed policies. Parents can help by making sure that they pack a healthy snack for their children to enjoy at school.

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A helpful tip from your friendly Animal Control Officer:
Please make sure your dog has a name and phone number on its collar for a fast return of strays.
FIRE DEPARTMENT WINS TRUCK GRANT

In January, Chief Chris Cummings announced that the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant to replace its aging tanker. Under the terms of the grant, FEMA will provide $190,000 and the town is required to provide matching funds of $10,000. “It’s like winning the Megabucks” said Chief Cummings.

Under his leadership, the department has won over $275,000 worth of grants for equipment in the last four years. A committee of firefighters is currently developing specifications and meeting with potential vendors, and expects that the department will take delivery by the end of the year. “Tankers are involved in more accidents than any other type of fire apparatus. It will be a relief to drive a new truck with some modern safety features” said firefighter Jeremy Blaiklock. The existing tanker is over 20 years old and started life as a soda delivery truck.

DON’T LET OUR FIRE FIGHTERS BURN OUT!

The Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department is in need of more volunteers to keep our community safe. We have had no new members for a few years, and some firefighters have retired or moved away. Obviously, this puts a greater burden on the remaining members. But you can help! The fire department has positions for men and women of all ages and abilities, from directing traffic, assisting ambulance crews, doing paperwork, or maintaining vehicles, in addition to actually fighting fires. It’s a fun and rewarding way to help out your town, so come be part of the team that keeps Arrowsic safe!

For more info, contact Chief Chris Cummings
751-5889 bath420@hotmail.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT IS ON MAY 22, 2010

- PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY; DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED
  - Start planning by visiting www.cityofbath.com to determine what is appropriate to bring (click on 'Bath Government', then on 'Solid Waste & Recycling', then on 'Hazardous Waste')
  - Whenever possible, avoid having leftover hazardous waste materials by using items as intended rather than disposing of them, or passing them along to someone who can use them. Also, avoid purchasing hazardous materials to begin with any time that you can use an alternate method or get the job done with non-hazardous materials.
  - If disposal is necessary, begin collecting items in a safe area of your home and then bring them to the HHW event for appropriate disposal
  - You must pre register and give a complete list of your items and the total number and volume of containers. Registration is on a first call, first served basis. You might not get in if you don’t register early.
  - If in doubt about your items, please contact any committee member to discuss!!!!!! Any amount over 5 total gallons should be discussed in advance. Please give us a chance to avoid problems on the day of collection.
  - The town pays per unit for disposal, so remember that two nearly empty containers will cost more than the contents of those two containers combined into one. Do not mix chemicals, however!!
  - Please be aware that materials related to your business are not acceptable for collection; only hazardous household materials please.

A NOTE TO ROADSIDE CLEANUP PARTICIPANTS

- It would be great if we could do a bit of sorting (within reason of course) as roadside debris is gathered this year!
- Please consider sorting the following 3 items as you collect: 1) returnables, 2) metal, and 3) paperboard, if clean and recyclable
- We would really appreciate your efforts, as it would save a great deal of after-the-fact sorting work for our committee

A NOTE ABOUT PLASTIC BAGS AT THE CURBSIDE

- We’ve been doing better about following instructions, but here are some reminders to get us closer to the goal of no problems.
- Plastic bags, such as shopping bags, CANNOT be recycled in single stream
- THEY SHOULD NOT EVEN BE USED TO HOLD YOUR RECYCLABLES!

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The Bath Garden Club allocated $1000 to the committee as part of the club’s Beautification of Historic Buildings special project. This money is raised by the club through the annual May Plant Sale.

The Honors Garden Committee, a sub-committee of The Town Properties Committee, contracted for a Landscape Design plan and modified it for the total project. This design plan is labeled, framed and will hang in Town Hall for residents viewing. The plan allows for identifying plants and donors. The plan also allows for future plantings as town residents see the plan and wish to make a contribution, honor someone, or just add plants or shrubs that contribute to the landscape.

The group had guidance as well as a contribution of labor and equipment from Mark Jorgensen, owner of Jorgensen Landscape Service and a town resident.

Anyone wishing to help with the future plans, ongoing maintenance, make contributions or a donation to the project should contact a member of the committee.

Committee members are; Ann Ater, Dena Bachman, Deirdre Barton, Melane Bertschy, Marty Hill, Bob Rogers, Millie Stafford, and Betty Wilson.

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**TOWN HALL HONORS GARDEN**

Members of the Honors Garden Committee were hard at work during the summer and fall months cleaning up brush, weeds and fallen limbs from the grounds of Town Hall in preparation for planting the four shrubs donated by town residents, honoring Millie Stafford, Lillian Gowan, Wilbur Loveitt and the volunteer fire men and women.

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**A NOTE TO ALL CITIZENS ABOUT LITTERBUGS/ DUMPING**

- If you witness dumping in progress or find evidence implicating a specific litterbug, please report the details promptly.

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**ARROWSIC TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2010**

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**NEWS AROUND TOWN:**

**Saturday February 20th at 10:00am**

The Green Independent Party will hold its caucus for Arrowsic and Georgetown. The Town Clerks from the two towns will be at the Arrowsic Town Hall at 9:30am to register new voters. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**May 22, 2010**

Household Hazardous Waste collection event.
Pre-Registration is required, information to follow.
RSU #1 is facing a shortfall of more than $835,000 in total funding for school year 2010-2011. This is a combination of loss in state subsidy, Mainecare, debt service and other loss of revenues. All but a handful of districts will be negatively impacted by the state economy that is so badly affecting the state's ability to pay for education.

Since 80% of the school budget comprises staff related costs, it will be a real struggle and there will likely to some staff reductions. Our district has already made the heavy cuts as we came together as one unit, severely reducing our central office costs and using the efficiencies of bulk purchasing and effective use of the bidding process for services and materials.

Despite this negative impact on our budget, we are continuing to work to provide a world class education for our children. We have increased our graduation rates, and more and more students are attending college. We have focused on local assessment of student learning and making accommodations to our curriculum as the information is gathered. Our teachers are working in teams to align curriculum. Our schools are safe, well maintained, have high levels of student energy and are working as a unified team on behalf of our children. We have created a coalition of citizens, staff and board members to address ways to support adequate funding for our schools and Lisa Holly is representing the town of Arrowsic and others are invited to join if they wish to become part of this organized effort.

We are patiently working to complete a new teacher's contract as well. Though much has been written in the paper about the contract, it is important that we take the time to effectively merge four very different contracts into one that truly meets the needs of our community and staff. All current contracts continue to function well for the staff until a new one can be finalized. We have successfully completed contracts for all of our administrators, cooks and secretaries and educational technicians.

We will bring a draft budget to the board in March and then schedule a series of public meetings to get input and support for next year's budget.

William C. Shuttleworth
Superintendent
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**ARROWSIC PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

A public hearing was held on April 15 to present information and take questions regarding several issues pertaining to the Arrowsic Fire Department. An open house was held at the fire house prior to the hearing for the purpose of allowing residents to inspect conditions at the current facility.

On April 29 at 7:00 pm, a Special Town Meeting was held at Town Hall. Approximately 40 Arrowsic residents attended. Peter Goodwin was elected moderator and discussion and voting began on three warrant articles.

**Art. 2.** To see if the town will vote to approve the expenditure of $10,000 from the Arrowsic Fire Department Capital Fund to complete a Federal grant that provides $190,000 for a fire-fighting water tanker truck. **Article called to a vote and passed unanimously.**

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of $150,000, to be comprised of $80,000 from the Fire Department Capital Fund, $50,000 from the Town Capital Improvement Fund, and $20,000 from the Town Undesignated Fund, for the construction of a Fire Barn and associated site work. **Article called to a vote and passed unanimously.**

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell our present fire tanker following receipt of the new truck, with the proceeds going to the Fire Department Capital Fund. **Article called to a vote and passed unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE VACANCY:**

The Planning Board is seeking a new member to replace Jean Kane who resigned several months ago (Thank you for all your hard work, Jean!). The Planning Board plays an extremely important role in the formulation and administration of town zoning and subdivision ordinances. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Chairman Will Neilson, will@solobistro.com, or Selectman Larry Wilson, larryw551@gmail.com. You may also leave a message at Town Hall.

**Help Wanted:**

The Properties Management Committee is looking for someone who would be interested in cleaning the Town Hall on a regular basis. Compensation is negotiable. Please contact Betty Wilson, committee chair, bettyw551@gmail.com. You may also leave a message at Town Hall.

**Thanks!**

Our Local Emergency Management Director, Ruth Fatscher, recently resigned because she is moving out of town. She has worked conscientiously in this position and has cooperated with County officials to formulate an emergency plan for the town. Thank you for your efforts, Ruth, and good luck in your new home!

We are appreciative that Pauline McLuer, our Public Health Officer, has agreed to assume these additional duties. The Selectmen look forward to working with her.

**TOWN MEETING!**

**TOWN MEETING IS JUNE 16th** at the Georgetown School at 6:30.

The Planning Board will be holding a **Public Hearing June 2nd** at 7:00 in Town Hall to explain the changes that they will be proposing at the Town Meeting. Be sure to check the insert to the Town Report when it comes for the details of these changes.
ARTICLES NEEDED — TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON

The Arrow will be produced on a regular basis; arriving at your doorstep in the months of

February May August November

Due dates will be posted at Town Hall
Questions?
Please contact Quinn Blaiklock organized@care2.com

PROPERTY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL UPDATE

After seeking thoughts from those who work in Town Hall we found the greatest concern to be the bathroom area.
We’re getting plans together now and hope the results will be an attractive looking handicapped accessible upgraded area.
We are also working on storage and work space areas. Ideas, opinions, and additional committee members are gratefully encouraged.

Betty Wilson for Properties Committee.

FROM THE TIMES RECORD MONDAY MAY 10, 2010

Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office created the free Good Morning program, a daily check-in program for elderly and shut-in residents.
Coverage includes Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich, and Arrowsic. Service entails having residents call a number and leave an “I’m OK” type message by 10:00 am. Those messages are then checked by volunteers. If a person on the service does not call in by 10:00 am, then follow-up calls are made, including contact numbers of friends and/or family.
To learn more, contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office at 752 High Street in Bath, or call 443-8529 (ex. 2).

LETTER FROM WILLA BROWN

Dear My Fellow Arrowsicans,

Let me first offer my long overdue thanks to all those ho participated in last year’s benefit brunch. Through a chain of events I didn’t anticipate at the time, your collective push sent me to an amazing experience in India, paid my bills through the second year in grad school, provided me the content for my capstone project, and landed me a research job in South Africa that begins this June.

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Letter from Willa Brown Continued:

As I head off on this new adventure, I could not be more aware of the many people who have supported me along the way.

As promised, I would like to “pay it forward” to another individual with an under-funded plan, ambition, or flight-of-fancy. I can contribute $200 of seed money from last month’s effort, as well as assistance in organizing another event. I recognize that this may be late notice, but I would not underestimate this community’s ability to rise to the occasion. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact me at 207.449.5340 or willab123@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!
Best,
Willa Brown

Editor’s Note: If you want to have me forward the large, in-color version of the above picture, please email Quinn at organized@care2.com

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Survey Time!

It is time for citizens of Arrowsic to decide:

1. If we want advertisements in the Arrow.
2. If we want to limit ads to Arrowsic residents.
3. If we want those ads to be free (limit one per person per issue).
4. If we want to have folks pay a reasonable amount per ad (say $15.00 to help defray the cost of producing the Arrow).

Email your answers to Quinn at organized@care2.com
OR put them in the Arrow box at Town Hall. The answers will be confidential and announced at Town Meeting, June 16.

Scholarship Fund Yard Sale

Save your stuff and check at Town Hall for the specific weekend in June to come to the Arrowsic Yard Sale.

Proceeds benefit our graduating Seniors with scholarship money to their next educational endeavors. For more information, contact Jeremy Blaiklock 443-4630

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Fire Department News

After a successful vote at the special town meeting, the new fire tanker has been ordered. The department is now turning its attention to getting the new station ready in time for its arrival. The committee is meeting on a weekly basis to hammer out all the details that need to be decided before we break ground. The floor plan has been finished, and we are nearly finished with the site plan. Expect to see action at the building site behind the Town Hall in June!

The Arrowsic Fire Department is greatly in need of more volunteers. Summer is a busy time for many of our members, and we need more people to help shoulder the load. Help protect your neighbors (and drive that shiny new truck!).
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Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

We are pleased to welcome resident and volunteer Damian Sokol to our committee!

- Please help the collection crew by creating a physical space of approximately 5 feet in between your solid waste bin and your recyclables.
- Please stop by the white shed at town hall to pick up a yellow recycling sticker to identify your recyclable bin if you don’t already have one (limit 2 per household).
- Composting is strongly encouraged as it reduces our solid waste (and creates great fertilizer for your garden!)
- As we use Arrowsic's curbside trash collection, we are expected to make all efforts to minimize the amount of trash we place at the curb. When the service is misused or excessive trash is placed at the curb, this committee receives complaints. Residents owe it to each other and to all Arrowsic taxpayers to obey the:

  Mandatory Recycling Ordinance
  1. divert all hazardous waste
  2. minimize trash output.

Failure to do so directly increases taxes in Arrowsic; while others' success in doing so directly decreases taxes. This direct relationship to taxes clearly dictates an obligation to each other of using the service responsibly. It also supplies a strong case for those who request a change to a pay per bag service. If the misusers of the service do not change their behavior, they will be to blame for the loss of our convenient service of today.

Thank you to those who participate responsibly!

FIRE STATION UPDATE

The fire station project has broken ground and is forging ahead! Concrete was poured last week by Barry Concrete, and Dick Elwell, our excavator, is back at the site trenching for the water and sewer lines. The committee is hammering out the final details, and reviewing bids for heating and framing. Special thanks to committee members Steven Theodore for the design work, and Rob Shultz for acting as the construction supervisor.

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy Blaiklock, acting Chairman

Big Brothers Big Sisters Has Volunteer Opportunities Available to Arrowsic and Georgetown Residents!

Community-Based Program

Volunteers in this program are 18 years of age or older and are referred to as a “Big.” The Big is paired in a one-to-one friendship with a child (Little) age 6-14 living in a single-parent home. Bigs and Littles (matches) spend at least 8 hours a month taking part in activities that they both enjoy; this can include anything from reading books and cooking to playing sports and spending time outdoors. The activity possibilities are limitless and the benefits of a Big and Little match are great! Our agency also partners with restaurants and community organizations to help provide low to no cost activities for matches. Over 30 boys are currently enrolled in the program and are waiting for the right volunteer Big to come into their lives!

School-Based Mentoring at Georgetown Central School

The School-Based Mentoring Program pairs children with caring adults in one-to-one friendships (matches) to share time once weekly for an hour at the school. Matches enjoy having lunch, using the playground, playing board games, creating craft projects, or simply having a conversation. The program will take place at the Georgetown Central School from 11:40-12:30 during the children’s recess and lunch break on an established day of your choice Monday-Friday. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for retirees!

If you are interested in spending time with a child in-need of an adult friend or would like to learn about our volunteer opportunities please contact: Aurora Joseph at 729-7736 ex 16 or email community@bbbsbathbrun.org.

Eco-Tips: Frugal and Friendly

The recent tragedy of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has prompted a number of concerned Arrowsic citizens to begin a conversation about how we as individuals, and community members, are using the planet’s natural resources and how we might make choices that more efficiently and equitably utilize those resources. FACT: The USA makes up 4% of the world’s population and consumes 25% of the world’s energy.

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Ground-breaking ceremonies took place at Woolwich Central School on August 3rd, while behind the scenes, a great many decisions have been made regarding the details of construction of the new school. Ledgewood Construction, located in South Portland, has been awarded the bid for the building contract. For the next 2 years, while construction is going on, students will be attending the Huse School in Bath. The renovations that are taking place at Huse are going very well and are right on schedule.

Summer schools have been active, with one program in particular worth mentioning: The Shallop Project. In conjunction with the Maine’s First Ship Project, students from Morse are constructing an 18 foot shallop, a type of vessels used by the Popham Colony 400 years ago. This class is an elective and involves 14 students. Work is being done on the BFC property at the intersection of Commercial and Lambard Street and visitors are welcome from 8am-noon.

Certainly the biggest item on the Board’s agenda has been trying to conclude contract negotiations with the teacher’s union (SEA). In May the process moved mediation, at which time the State assigned experienced mediator Don Ziegenbien to work with both parties. The Board feels that it is in the best interest of all parties that this process is resolved prior to the start of school, and every effort is being made to meet as often as possible to reach a satisfactory conclusion. Still, we are well aware the start of school is just around the corner.

There are two other items of note as we start the school year. The first is that the World Language Program will look significantly different in the elementary grades. With a reduction in staff in this department, schools will now be implementing a computer instruction program (Rosetta Stone). There will be a staff person assigned to support students in the implementation of this program. The second item of note is that Morse will be changing their class schedule from the current “A/B” format to what is known as a “4 by 4” format. Instead of students taking 7 or 8 classes all year long (alternating days: 4 one day, 3-4 the next) they will now take 4 classes the first semester and 4 classes the second semester. This change occurred partly due to staff reduction and partly in an effort to improve student performance. If you would like more information regarding this change, please contact Principal Peter Kahl at Morse (443 8250).

And finally, another important item of note is the budget crisis RSU1 will be facing as we enter into our next budget cycle (2011-2012). This situation is not unique to our district, and, in fact, is one facing all schools in Maine. With State revenue down and Federal TARP money expiring, RSU1 is looking at a major budget shortfall in the future. We encourage all citizens of the region to follow this situation closely through media venues and by attending school board meetings. Any suggestions you may have would be welcome. As we receive more specific information we will certainly pass it along.

ARROWSIC STUDENTS ATTENDING RSU 1
2010-11
Projected Enrollments as of 8/4/10

Dike-Newell School: Kindergarten  1
  Grade 1  1
  Grade 2  2
Fisher-Mitchell School: Grade 4  1
  Grade 5  1
Phippsburg Elementary School: No Arrowsic students enrolled
West Bath School: No Arrowsic students enrolled
Woolwich Central School: Grade 2  1
  Grade 6  3
  Grade 7  1
  Grade 8  1
Bath Middle School: Grade 6  2
  Grade 8  3
Morse High School: Grade 9  1
  Grade 10  2
  Grade 11  2
  Grade 12  1

We would encourage parents and students who are attending schools outside of the RSU to be in touch with us regarding what they are up to, so that we can publish their information in the next edition.

Regards,
RSU1 School Board Members:
Tim Harkins, 442 8134, timharkins3@aol.com
Francis Tolan, 443 4893 mainetolans@gmail.com
Start Next Year's Veggie Garden Today!

Would you like to grow some of your own vegetables next year but need some advice on how to go about it? Arrowsic has a few experienced gardeners willing to help.

First, do your homework and plan as much as you can, where you want your garden, what vegetables you'd like to grow, etc. Three good websites with guidelines are:

- [http://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/grow-maine-grow/](http://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/grow-maine-grow/)
- [http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gardening/factsheets/misc/soilbasics.html](http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gardening/factsheets/misc/soilbasics.html)

Second, if you need local help, contact one of our Arrowsic gardening gurus, volunteers Noreen Blaiklock at 443-3725, Pam Mount at pmount@myfairpoint.net or Bob Rogers at boborjanice@yahoo.com or 443-1728, (for other names email Janice Rogers at boborjanice@yahoo.com).

A vegetable garden tour is planned for Saturday, September 11 so you can get ideas from some sample gardens. Pick up a map inside the Town Hall the Wednesday or Friday before, or on Saturday in a box outside.

We're also looking for more gurus and gardens for the tour - if interested email Janice: boborjanice@yahoo.com.

Planning Board Vacancies

The Planning Board is in need of **two alternate members**. An alternate member attends meetings and votes when a regular member is absent, and becomes a full member when a vacancy occurs. The board meets the first **Monday** of the month.

Please contact a selectman or Will Neilson to volunteer for one of these positions.

Larry Wilson  larryw551@gmail.com  (443-6970)
Sukey Heard  sukeyheard@gmail.com  (443-6768)
Michele Gaillard mgaillard@bowdoin.edu  (442-7443)
Will Neilson  will@solobistro.com  (442-8163)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle are the three fundamental ways to minimize our impact on the environment. In Maine, we have taken the recycling step seriously with single stream curbside convenience and money back for your bottles and cans. This is commendable, except that it doesn’t address the real problem, which is our over consumption of all goods, packaging and fossil fuels in this country.

Fortunately, the best way to be environmentally friendly is to be frugal and a little thoughtful. If you don’t buy it (or use less electricity, gas and oil) there is no packaging, no transport costs, no disposal costs, and think of all the money you save! The real expense is the time it takes you to pause and remember to make a choice.

The following are simple, free ways to “Be Green”:

- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Turn down your thermostat in winter a few degrees and run your a/c up a little in summer
- Use a power strip to turn off all electric appliances you aren’t using (TV, stereo, computer)
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Set up a clothesline outside or have a drying rack in the house (a free solar powered dryer and your clothes last longer and don’t shrink)
- Use curtains to shade windows in summer and insulate rooms in winter
- Borrow an item you use irregularly from a neighbor or friend
- Share a ride to work, school, shopping
- Turn off your car engine if you are waiting for more than 10 seconds
- Combine your tasks to limit driving trips
- Drive the speed limit which is more fuel efficient
- Avoid the impulse buy
- Refuse a bag if you purchase a few items and bring your own reusable bags for shopping
- Buy goods and services locally; supports your neighbors, reduces transport costs, and minimizes packaging

If you are interested in seeing if these simple things really do make a difference gather some information about your expenses before you start. Look at your electric bill which has the amount of electricity you consumed every month for the last year. You can record how much gas you are using and the miles you drive to calculate your actual mpg each time you fill up. Do different things and see if it really makes a difference for you.

Look for more Eco-Tips on the town webpage!
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- Faw, Philip
- Giles, Samuel
- Groeau, Geoffrey
- Johnson, Lee
- Jones, Judy
- Jorgensen, Mark
- Kahl, Thomas
- Kalkstein, Paul
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- Kane, Jean
- King, Stanley
- MacLeod, James
- MacMahan, Joseph
- McCaughlin, John
- Neilson, Sarah
- Neilson, William
- Pain, George
- Puff, David
- Rhythm Inc
- Richter, Julian
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- Spence, Joyce
- Starr, John
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- Stump, James
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- Pinette, Rebecca
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- Sewall, Edward III
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- Starbird, Jayne
- Stonewall, John
- Swearingen, Richard
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- Wilson, Lawrence
- Wise, Kenneth

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Arrowsic Fall Family Festival
& Energy Fair

October 30, 2010  1-3 pm
Town Hall and New Fire Station

Come celebrate the fall season with cider pressing and pumpkin treats. Come see the progress on the new Fire Station. Bring some apples to press and treats to share (cookies, muffins – show off your baking talent!)

A number of community members will be sharing energy and cost saving ideas for your home and family including:

☞ Restarting a buying co-op for food, household goods and home heating fuel
☞ Do it yourself home energy audits and winterization
☞ PACE Loan and Energy rebate information
☞ Easy cheap ways to change your energy consumption and save $$$$
☞ A home grown energy efficient car project

AND Fun for kids of all ages including a scavenger hunt and more surprises!

WINTER FARMER’S MARKET
United Church of Christ, 150 Congress Ave., Bath from 9 am to 12 noon on the following (mostly) Saturdays:

NOV. 6  20,  Wednesday Nov. 24
DEC 11 18,  Thursday, Dec. 23
JAN. 1 15 29  FEB 5 19
MAR 5 19  APRIL 2 16 30

PACE ORDINANCE PASSED

September 28, 2010 Arrowsic passed an enabling Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance. The state PACE ACT (LD 1717) requires a town to pass its own PACE Ordinance in order for residents to be eligible for a low interest PACE loan. PACE loans are administered by Efficiency Maine Trust using funding received from the Department of Energy.

If you are interested in weatherizing or installing clean energy, you maybe eligible to apply for a low interest PACE loan. With liberal underwriting standards, this junior mortgage may be the way for a family to finance such improvements. There are no income restrictions, and the goal of the program is to have monthly payments be less than the cost of not making the improvement with the caveat that the life of the loan cannot exceed the useful life of the improvement. Furthermore, the loans may be eligible for tax credits and incentives. Ask your tax advisor.

More information: www.efficiencymaine.com or call 1-866-376-2463. Arrowsic resident Suzanne Gunston is Arrowsic’s administrative liaison for anyone needing local assistance. Suzanne may be contacted at 443-8719 or gunston@gwi.net.

ARROWSIC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT NEEDS

Property Management: We are looking for an experienced person to assist the Selectmen by annually inspecting the town’s buildings for repair and maintenance issues, reporting the findings with project recommendations and timelines, and assisting in contracting out the work. This person would also manage any space modification projects. We are hoping one of our resident building contractors will volunteer.

Grounds Maintenance: The Selectmen are looking for someone to manage seasonal chores on the grounds around town hall and the fire barns. These would include scheduling and staffing spring and fall clean up, weed-whacking, and arranging for debris disposal.

For more information, please contact one of the Selectmen
Larry Wilson: larryw551@gmail.com,
Michele Gaillard : mgaillar@bowdoin.edu,
Sukey Heard: sukeyheard@gmail.com
**A NEW ARROWSIC BUYING COOP?**

**BACKGROUND**
You may be aware that, for more than 25 years, Arrowsic was the center of a very active food buying coop—the Naturally Better Coop. Group orders were placed every month, year-round, and everyone gathered to unload the shipment and distribute the food and other items. At its height, the coop included more than 40 families. For the nearly 20 years that my family and I participated, about 90% of all the food and household items we needed came from this source—we rarely had to shop at supermarkets. This included fresh produce, dairy and soy products, vitamins and supplements, and a complete line of staples and household items.

The primary supplier for the coop was the Northeast Coop of Brattleboro, Vermont, but other suppliers included local producers, such as Sparrow Farm of Pittston, Goranson Farm of Dresden, Winter Greens of Wiscasset, and Black Crow Bakery of Litchfield. We also ordered cosmetics from Anne Marie Borlind of Germany and the Eclectic Herb Company of Oregon (high-quality vitamins and supplements) at a 50% discount. The food quality was high, most items were organic, and we were able to support local businesses. Northeast, if I remember correctly, had a monthly catalog with about 40,000 items.

However, Northeast Coop was bought out by United Foods, a huge national company, and that's when things started to change. United raised prices, changed product lines, made it more difficult to buy smaller quantities, and, most critically, made delivery schedules much more difficult to work with. In addition, where we were using the Town Hall for delivery and distribution (for a small fee), the coop's larger size made it logistically impossible to continue in that relatively small space. We moved around the area to different locations—the Bath Senior Center, Veteran's Hall, etc. All of these challenges were the beginning of the end of the coop. A much smaller group continued for a number of years, but eventually completely disbanded.

While there were significant savings by purchasing as a group in bulk (at its peak, the coop was buying about $40,000 of merchandise a year at wholesale prices), there was also a sense of common purpose, camaraderie, and community. Personally, I miss all these things. I should add that I'm not saying it was all roses all the time, or that things always ran smoothly—there were difficult times, many meetings, restructuring, and lots of disagreement on how to do things over the years; but that challenge, how to resolve our differences and come together and stay together, were also part of the excitement.

**TIME FOR REBIRTH?**
It seems that interest is again growing to have a town buying coop, with perhaps an even more expansive range of products, including bulk purchasing of fuel oil, firewood, and the development of cooperative island alternative energy sources.

My own vision of an Arrowsic coop is probably totally unrealistic, and complete pie in the sky, but below is a brief outline of what I'm thinking. Maybe it can be a starting point from which to brainstorm ideas.

1) Form group, brainstorm ideas, write mission statement, create organizational, operational structure (committees for ordering, delivery, distribution, maintenance, accounting, etc.). Consider contacting other coops for ideas.

2) Find a permanent location for the Coop. Need (Continued on page 3)

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**AD HOC COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Based on a warrant article passed at last year’s Town Meeting, the Selectmen have been asked to enjoin an ad hoc committee to review the compensation of town employees.

While many town employees look at their service as quasi-volunteer, we want to ensure that our pay structure is fair and not a disincentive to qualified people.

The committee of approximately 5 people will survey local and like-sized towns to determine where we stand in comparison, look at the scope and complexity of our jobs, and make recommendations for salary changes if thought necessary. Any recommendations will be brought to a vote at the **Town Meeting in June 2011**.

If you can make a commitment to this important project, please contact Larry Wilson, Michele Gaillard or Sukey Heard.
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heated year-round structure, storage, refrigeration, supplies, etc. Unloading large orders in a parking lot, distributing/paying on the spot, or temporarily storing in a temporary, unsuitable location, is difficult and uncomfortable at best.

3) Determine sources of supply, discount pricing, etc., develop catalog and method for ordering (e.g., a computerized catalog or Internet-based ordering system). Build in alternate suppliers, to avoid depending on any single source.

4) Coop would be funded through membership dues and a percentage charge for each order above the actual merchandise cost. Donations and grants could also be sought out and accepted.

I've never been in on the planning of a coop from the beginning and find this prospect most exciting. We can do anything we want, buy anything we want, and work together as a team to make things work!

As of this writing, there are 12 households that have expressed interest in at least meeting to discuss the possibilities. This may be a good starting point, but I think we will need more to make this work.

Please let me know if you are interested in meeting—e-mail or call. We can wait to see who responds and schedule a first meeting for early November, or another time to be determined.

Yours cooperatively,
Paul Schlein
127 Whitmore's Landing Road
Arrowsic, Maine 04530 207-443-3209
pschlein@gmail.com

TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2010—2011

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*Denotes that curbside recycling is also picked up

Recycling is mandatory!
Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

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**NEWS AROUND TOWN:**

**GET OUT AND VOTE NOV. 2, 2010**

No matter your political leanings, vote at Town Hall!

**SAVE THE DATE!** November 5, 2011 will be the next Arrowsic Artworks show. We started so late this year that there wasn’t a critical mass of artists prepared to display for this year. Hopefully we will be able to use the space in the new fire barn for next year’s extravaganza. Artists, start production….. Questions, call Phine Ewing or Sukey Heard.

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**FIRE STATION UPDATE**

The Project is coming along nicely; on schedule and under budget. The walls are up and the roof is on. The next step is to complete the utility rough-ins, then insulate. Many area businesses and trades people have given donations and discounts to the town. Stay tuned for a complete list of “thank yous” to these generous folks.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Blaiklock
Acting Chairperson

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**TRASH/ RECYCLING REMINDERS**

► At the curb, please set recycling bins apart from trash piles for easier identification.
► Break down cardboard cartons and flatten for recycling.
► Take rechargeable batteries to collection boxes at retailers or at the shed at Town Hall.
► Take all fluorescent bulbs (include CFLs to retailers, Bath landfill, or Pine Tree Waste for collection. Fluorescent lamps contain mercury!

If you have trash/recycling concerns or questions, please look at the Arrowsic website or talk to a committee member: John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Liz Ware, Roz McLean, Damian Sokol.
COMMUNITY ENERGY IS CLEAN ENERGY

Are you tired if hearing about economic downturn, the non-renewable energy crisis, and ecological disasters? Tough times can challenge us in many ways. We do have a vast supply of affordable, renewable, and creative energy in our community – ourselves.

We all have a set of basic needs: shelter, sustenance, safety, occupation, and friendship. Historically, our species has most successfully met those needs communally. The last 50 years of human ingenuity and cheap oil have allowed us to create life styles that are less interdependent. Today, many of us meet our needs and responsibilities individually - driving to work, shopping, working on our houses, caring for our families, and entertaining ourselves with electronic media. The burden and expense of that independence only becomes apparent when a crisis strikes.

We have reached a crisis nationally and globally. Economists say we need to stimulate the economy, get people working and spending money again. Our government has attempted job stimulus packages, re-investing in infrastructure and is encouraging the production of cleaner, cheaper fuel sources and more efficient cars and appliances. These are all worthy endeavors that will take time and money. Time and money we may not have to meet our needs right now.

What we do have is a community of people with unique expertise and resources. If we share these resources we immediately reduce our expenses, and improve our standard of living. A successful example of this is the Unity Barn Raisers (www.unitybarnraisers.org) - a 13 year old citizen lead initiative that has revitalized Unity Maine economically, environmentally, and communally. They are currently working on a Neighbor to Neighbor project helping homeowners winterize their homes. It is a very inspiring story. People Power is, in fact, the cheapest, cleanest and most renewable source of energy available.

What would an Arrowsic Barn Raisers look like? It might be: a ride share program for commuting to work, shopping (farmer’s market days), or after school activities; a tool share program with a list of resources (chippers, wood splitters, trucks, hammers) and people who are willing to help or need help for projects in their homes; a communal garden space or food and seed sharing program; a buying Co-op for food, household goods, and home fuel (wood, oil, propane). All of these ideas require People Power to become a reality. We need to be willing to participate both as consumers (voicing our needs) and producers (be willing to share some of our time, stuff, and expertise with each other). These difficult times are an opportunity for us re-invest in our most valuable resource – each other.

You can find opportunities to participate by watching the Town web page. Come to the Fall Family Festival October 30th to share your ideas and find out what your neighbors are doing.
Municipal officials are pleased to announce that the Town of Arrowsic has received a $405 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) as a result of its good loss experience and loss prevention programs.


The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. Each year the boards review the program’s loss experience to determine if dividends may be paid. Patricia Kablitz, Director of Risk Management Services for MMA, said more than 75% of program participants receive dividends each year for their good risk management practices and loss experience.

This year the Workers Compensation Fund has distributed almost $600,000.00 in dividends to participants and the Property and Casualty Pool has paid dividends of nearly $400,000.00 for total payments of nearly $1 million provided directly to MMA members.

Since 1997, the three programs have returned close to $13 million in dividends to participating members. For more information about any of the MMA Risk Management Services programs, including online training programs and other services, check the offerings on their website at www.memun.org and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call 1-800-590-5583.

Available now: dog licenses for 2011!

Your dog’s current license will expire on December 31, 2010. Late fee is $25.00 by new 2010 law.
Town of Arrowsic
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530

Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
Closing the Loop on the Cordless Age

Cordless phones, cell phones, TV remotes, Ipods, clocks, radios, toys, hearing aides, pace makers, computers and peripherals, power tools, lawnmowers, toothbrushes, even greeting cards now carry their own miniature power plants. Take a moment to count the number of battery powered items that inhabit your life (hint: We purchase 3 billion dry cell batteries annually in the U.S.). In two minutes I came up with 50 items in my home!

Batteries use chemical reactions to create an electric current. Lead, sulfuric acid, mercury, cadmium, nickel, zinc, manganese, lithium, silver and organophosphates are used in different batteries. When discarded these heavy metals and salts leach from our landfills, vaporize when incinerated, and contaminate our ground water. The most toxic material in batteries today are lead in automotive batteries, mercury in some button batteries for medical devices, and Cadmium in Ni-Cd rechargeables (cordless phone, power tools, video cameras).

90% of all automotive batteries are recycled in the US and the lead and plastics recovered contribute to 65% of new batteries. Cadmium is a known carcinogen and Ni-Cd batteries. In the mid 1990s they accounted for 54% of the cadmium contamination in our landfills. In 1996, the U.S. congress enacted the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act which required manufacturers to provide recycling for rechargeable Ni-Cd and reduce mercury in batteries. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) was created and is funded by battery manufacturers. RBRC provides free collection, recycling, and educational material. FMI www.call2recycle.com. In 2001 the RBRC expanded the program to collect all rechargeable batteries. The rechargeable batteries collected in the Recycling Shed in Arrowsic are taken to the Bath Landfill where they are bagged and placed in a box. INMETCO/RBRC collects the batteries, sorts them by type in Ellwood City, PA, and distributes them for recycling. All the recycling occurs in the US and Canada. RBRC claims to have recycled 55 million tons of batteries since 1996.

Prior to 1996 single-use alkaline batteries contained significant amounts of mercury accounting for 88% of the mercury in our land fills. Mercury was replaced by manganese in the early 1990s. Mercury oxide button batteries are still in use in hearing aides and military devices. These remain hazardous and must be recycled by approved hazardous waste sites. The EPA says the alkaline batteries are now non-toxic and safe for disposal. Still, 4/5 of the 3 billion batteries purchased in the US are non-rechargeable alkaline batteries containing zinc, manganese, potassium, lithium, or silver. The RBRC does not collect alkaline batteries because the cost of recycling them exceeds the profitability of the reclaimed material. However, if you consider 2.5 billion batteries going into our landfills annually it starts to look like a lot of wasted resource and accumulated toxins.

The Big Green Box is a program run by TOXCO in British Columbia. For $63 they will send you a box to collect 43 pounds of alkaline batteries. TOXCO reclaims the zinc, manganese and steel from the batteries. Curious Arrowsic-ites have purchased a few boxes as a trial for Arrowsic that you can find in the Recycling Shed.

Please consider switching to rechargeables. Rechargeable alkaline batteries last 25 times longer than single-use alkaline batteries. Another very important step is to make sure all your batteries are recycled (taken out of obsolete or broken electronics before the item is discarded). Better yet, consider using tools that do not require battery power whenever possible.

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The District has had a great deal going on since the start of school, with perhaps the most striking news being the resignation of our Superintendent, William Shuttleworth. During the December Board meeting, the Board was presented with a letter announcing William’s resignation. He indicated that he will stay on until June in order to facilitate a smooth transition to the new Superintendent. I have had the opportunity to work with William both as Superintendent of RSU1 and of Union 47. Just to mention a few of William’s accomplishments: under his leadership, we have witnessed the implementation of a Pre-K Program, a swim program, the increase in AP classes at Morse, an increase in graduation rate at Morse and the establishment of a non-profit entity called The Help-a-Kid Foundation. His energy, his passion for the work and his vision will be missed. Meanwhile, the Board will embark upon a search for a new leader for our district.

Another big change for RSU1 will be the swearing in of two new Board members during the January Board meeting. Robin Buczkowski will be replacing Charlie Durfee in District 1 and Alan Walton will be replacing former Arrowsic resident Francie Tolan in District 6. Both members will be missed for their insightful and even-keeled approach to matters of education. In particular, I would like to thank Francie for the work she has done on behalf of the Arrowsic community. Prior to her service on the RSU1 Board she was a member of the Arrowsic School Board. She was also the long-time president of the Georgetown PTA. Personally, I found Francie to be a wonderful friend, mentor and voice of reason during some of the more contentious Board discussions. She represented Arrowsic well.

The other large issue facing the district is the looming budget shortfall we are looking at for next year. Based upon a reduction in State subsidy, combined with rising operating costs, the district will need to raise an additional $1.6 million to just maintain current services. I alluded to this situation in the last newsletter, but it bears repeating. Unless the region is willing to bear tax increases, RSU1 will have to make some deep cuts to continue operating with all existing programming in place. Currently we have organized a “Big Ideas” committee made up of teachers, administrators, community members and Board members to examine what can be done to weather the storm. A short survey will be going out to parents asking them what services they value in the system and what they are willing to forego. We are trying to find an economical way to also deliver the survey to the greater community, but the dialogue needs to begin now: what do you value in our schools?

The Board has also established its goals for the next year. Three continuing goals are: strengthen communication with the community, focus on long-term fiscal management in the RSU, and support high levels of student achievement. Under each of these three broad goals we have specific measures we intend to take to

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From The Solid Waste Committee

New in January 2011 at the town shed
1) We now accept any clean scrap metal pieces under 50 pounds and under 4 feet long each. For larger pieces of scrap call John at 751-1550 to schedule pick up or drop off.
2) Also in the shed, we have improved upon rechargeable battery recycling to include many household battery types and small electronics. Here are the details:

Battery Recycling!

“The Big Green Box” will be in the Shed by the Town Hall for the following types of batteries:
• Nickel Cadmium (NiCd)
• Nickel-Metal Hydride (NiMH)
• Alkaline & Zinc-Carbon (Zn)
• Non-spillable Lead Acid (Pb)
• Lithium-Ion (Li-ion)
• Primary Lithium (Non-Rechargeable)

*Note: Limit to size of Lithium Batteries: the content of each cell can be no more than 5 grams; and/or the total lithium content of each battery can be no more than 25 grams.

**Batteries containing a free-flowing electrolyte are NOT acceptable (ie. automotive batteries)

Electronics accepted in The Big Green Box:
• Cell Phones and PDAs
• Power Tools
• Cameras
• Laptops
• MP3 Players
• Computer Accessories
• Cell phone accessories

Questions? Please contact Roz McLean 386-0179

Thank you to Gretchen Sibley for bringing “The Big Green Box” to our attention.

Upcoming Spring Events
Roadside cleanup: Past efforts in sorting material for recycling or reuse out of the roadside trash has proven to be worthwhile. We will continue our sorting efforts this year. Household Hazardous Waste: Arrowsic will participate in the annual collection event at Bath DPW garage this May. Date TBA.

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Beat the winter blues

Join your friends and neighbors for the first monthly (resurrection) of GAME NIGHT at the Town Hall Friday, February 11 from 6-8 pm.
Bring your favorite board or card game and/or a game snack to share, or just show up. We hope to offer this opportunity every second Friday of the month through the winter. For more information contact Jennifer Hall at the Town Office.

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TRASH & RECYCLING
CALENDAR 2011

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*Denotes that curbside recycling is also picked up

Recycling is mandatory!
(and a great idea! Have you seen the landfill?)

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact
John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Roz Mclean, Liz Parker Ware, or Damian Sokol.
accomplish them. From a communications standpoint, we are trying to update and maintain school websites in order to keep information flowing to the community. Fiscally we are establishing a facilities management plan, working with administrators as they build their budgets and determining whether or not programs are adequately funded, as well as seeking grant writing support. From a student achievement perspective we are trying to stay abreast of new initiatives, support reading and literacy programs in the school, review our current math curriculum and develop and implement new drop-out prevention strategies.

Although I have left out many of the specific things that are going on in RSU1, I have tried to highlight some of the major developments we have experienced in the past couple of months. If you have any questions of comments about what is going on in RSU1, do not hesitate to contact me or Alan Walton (or any other Board Member, for that matter).

All the Best,
Tim Harkins, RSU Board Member District 3
(Arrowsic – Bath – Woolwich) Timharkins3@aol.com

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A special note about cell phones and their batteries: In 2008 Maine began requiring all cell phone companies to offer collection and recycling services for cell phones. There are 285 million wireless subscribers in the US. Americans purchase a new cell phone every 9-18 months which means 150 million cell phones are discarded annually. Many of them can be refurbished, reused or ultimately recycled. Most cell phone batteries have a 3-5 year life span.

For more information check out

Goodwill and Dell have partnered to provide recycling for all computer equipment, peripherals, cables, printers etc. in any condition. Just bring the electronics to the Goodwill Store in Topsham and you are done!

We Can Make a Difference!

1) Use hand operated tools
2) Switch to rechargeable batteries
3) Recycle cell phone at any cell phone store www.thewirelessalliance.com
4) Bring spent rechargeable batteries to the RBRC box in the Recycling Shed
5) Bring spent alkaline batteries to the TOXCO Big Green Box in the shed
6) Recycle electronics at the Topsham Goodwill http://reconnectpartnership.com

Chinese New Year
Begins February 4th

Welcome Back to the Year of the Rabbit!


A person born in the year of the Rabbit possesses one of the most fortunate of the twelve animal signs. The Rabbit, or Hare as he is referred to in Chinese mythology, is the emblem of longevity and is said to derive his essence from the Moon.

A Huge Thank you to Don Hudson and Phine Ewing for a lovely Solstice Party!

It took several tries to light the sun, but once its beauty was unveiled, it burned on and on. So many people were there to celebrate the return of the sun to our Northern island, making this a wonderful gathering of all ages.

Thank you again for hosting, entertaining, and gathering on this special darkest and longest night of the year!
**SAGArrowsic**

Each town participating in RSU1 is mandated to have a school advisory group (SAG) regardless of whether or not they have a school (as in the case of Arrowsic). This committee, appointed by the Selectmen, is presently in need of two additional members to join Lisa Holley and Barbara Boyce.

The SAGArrowsic duties, in general, are:

- To communicate regularly about current local education issues to the Selectmen and the Town.
- To provide information to parents as needed and provide a link between parents, the RSU and the school board.
- To gather and provide information regarding Arrowsic school children for town records.

Members should represent a broad base of community members including parents, students, and other interested community members.

For more details regarding duties and responsibilities contact any of the Selectmen. Please consider volunteering for this important committee.

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**Honors Garden**

A Beautiful Way to Get Involved!

In 2008, a group of interested community members created the Honors Garden Committee. The committee formed with a combined vision to create a garden environment surrounding our Town Hall and to provide an opportunity for community members, past and present, to honor special citizens, friends and loved ones through the dedication of a tree, shrub, or other planting. Betty Wilson, the driving force since the Committee’s inception, recently stepped down as its chair and her leadership is missed. The committee is currently reorganizing and making plans for the future. These plans include expanding community participation in the garden. If you are interested in becoming involved in the garden or honoring someone with a planting, please contact one of the committee members listed below. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for **March 22 at 7:00 at the Town Hall**. All are invited to attend.

- Ann Ater: 443-1519  sunn@awi.net
- Marty Hill: 443-1257  fredhill.martyhill@myfairpoint.net
- Deirdre Barton: 442-8559  deirdredb@gmail.com
- Milly Stafford: 443-5832
- Bob Rogers: 443-1728  bobojanice@yahoo.com

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**Wishing for storm windows on these cold winter nights?**

Here is an opportunity to make your own thermal plastic window inserts. Join Bob Hardina of the Midcoast Green Collaborative at the Round Top Farm House in Damariscotta every Saturday morning from 9 - 12. Bring your window dimensions (inside jamb to inside jamb). You purchase the materials at cost (~$1.25 sf) there and get guidance on making and assembling the window in the workshop area. Wear warm clothing as the space is not well heated. These inside storm windows made of polyolefin shrink wrapped pine frames are easily installed and reusable for many seasons into the future. The film is near invisible. To see a photograph of a finished window go the Midcoast Green Collaborative web site: [http://midcoastgreencollaborative.org/](http://midcoastgreencollaborative.org/).

These windows reduce air infiltration and add an approximate R-value of 2.3. The payback period varies from 7 months for single pane windows to 4 or 5 years for Energy Star low-E gas filled double-pane windows.

For more information contact Bob Hardina at 563-5236 or e-mail him at rhardina@tidewater.net.

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**A helpful tip from your friendly Animal Control Officer:**

Available now: dog licenses for 2011! Your dog’s current license will expire on December 31, 2010. Late fee is $25.00 by new 2010 law.

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**ADVERTISEMENTS**

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Topsham, ME 04086 agaluza@remax.net
207-725-8505 ext. 111 207-751-9701 Cell
### Car and Truck Registrations

#### December 2010

- Arsenault, Mark
- Brawn, Pamela
- Brown, Paul
- Bryant, Elizabeth
- Campbell, Sherman
- Chapin, Barton III
- Dauphin, Ashley
- Davis, Shawn
- Elwell, Derek
- Elwell, Robert
- Elwell, Robert A.
- Galuza, James
- Giles, Samuel
- Gilliam, Bret
- Gowell, R. Randall II
- Harkins, Timothy III
- Kalish, Robert
- Kane, Jean
- Knowles, Robert Jr.
- Levesque, Rebecca
- Mcllwain, Pauline
- Palmer, Rael
- Pultzaff, Gary
- Puff, David
- Rollins, Elizabeth
- Shaw, Joy
- Skillings Cole, Elizabeth
- Sullivan, Michael
- Theodore, Steven
- Woodruff, Peter

#### January 2011

- Arsenault, Mark
- Beuppeller, Lynne
- Briggs, Jane
- Brown, Charlotte
- Burke, Joanne
- Carlton, James
- Cassell, Ann
- Elwell, Jennifer
- Gill, Deborah
- Gilliam, Bret
- Km Robbins Construction, LLC
- Kane, Michael
- Maley, Kenneth
- Morse, Dianna
- Neilson, Pia
- Puff, Kathleen
- Santerre, Robert
- Santerre, Robert
- Stephenson, Mark
- Stuart, Scott
- Sullivan, Timothy
- Textor, Kenneth
- Tolan, James
- Ware, Douglass
- Wood, John

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### February 2011

- Bassett, Deborah
- Bassett, Ken
- Bassett, Kenneth
- Bassett, Michael
- Beane, Jeremy
- Bejma, Anthony
- Beuppeller, Jeffrey
- Brett, Christopher
- Brooks, David
- Bryant, Donald
- Bryant, Donald
- Cauza, James
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- Carlton, Dale
- Colliver, Susan
- Cossart, Edward
- Cunningham, Paul
- Delan, Molly
- Demers, Thomas Jr.
- Detwiler, Brian
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- Elwell, Brian
- Elwell, Norma
- Elwell, Robert
- Forrest, Robert
- Grenier, Christopher
- Gunston, Kenneth
- Hall, Steven
- Hanson, June
- Higgins, Richard
- Hinds, John
- Holley, Lisa
- James, Jenny
- Jawdat, Marcus
- Jorgensen, Mark
- Jorgensen, Mark
- Jorgensen, Mark
- Jorgensen Landscaping Inc
- Km Robbins Construction LLC
- Macmahan, Joseph
- Maley, Kenneth
- McCleod, Seth
- Mount, Pamela
- Nelson-Walling, Graham
- Nobine, Annie
- Olde Kennebec Wood Cookery
- Orr, Elward
- Orr, Edward
- Paradis, Raymond
- Pelletier, Roland
- Pinette, Jeffrey
- Pope, Ralph
- Rhythmic Cable Inc
- Rhythmic Cable Inc
- Shaw, Ron
- Shover, Evelyn
- Shultz, Robert
- Spencer, James
- Starbird, Ryan
- Tarbox, Charles
- Textor, Kenneth
- Theodore, Steven
- Tholias, Robert
- Thomas, Kathryn
- Walsh, Thomas
- Weers, David
PUBLIC SERVICE IN ARROWSIC

There is a proposal to raise the salaries of Town Officials on this year’s Town Warrant. It will raise total compensation 62% and specifically the Selectmen’s salaries 222%. Total Selectman compensation will rise to $15,000.00 per year.

This proposal is wrong in so many ways that I will limit myself to two areas of disagreement.

Firstly, you can never pay Town Officials enough for what is basically a volunteer service to the rest of us. The work the Town Officials do is a public service and we always thank them effusively whether or not we agree with all their decisions.

This raise, however, changes the quality and character of service to the Town of Arrowsic. The neighbor to neighbor service we give each other becomes tainted with money. In my 9 years experience as Selectman and Treasurer helping recruit Townspeople for positions, money was never an issue and, in fact, many were surprised we paid anything. That is because they understood that what they are being asked to consider was helping to maintain and raise the quality of life for all of us.

The main day to day job of the Selectmen today is to manage the contracts we have for services to the Town. We contract out Schools, Ambulance, County services, trash, assessing and we have two jobs held by out-of-Town quality people - our Fire Chief and our Treasurer.

Secondly, Arrowsic and surrounding towns are faced with a fiscal crisis many of us have not seen in our lifetime. Whomever you blame, it is clear that less Federal and State monies from our taxes will be put back into the towns.

RSU 1 is looking at a 0 to 4% increase which will effect Arrowsic taxpayers by between $19.50 and $65.00 per 100,000 assessment.

Brunswick Schools have a $3.5 million shortfall and are facing up to 64 lost jobs in addition to 38 lost last year.

In short, not only Arrowsic is shrinking (15% in twenty years, 10% alone in 10 years). The entire Midcoast Region is facing significant changes. It is certainly more valuable to us to help fund increases in the School budgets than to increase our own pay.

I hope the Selectmen see this proposal for what it is - a non-solution to a problem that doesn’t really exist and either keep it off the ballot or help vote it down.

Greg Guckenburg

Roadside cleanup

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Arrowsic roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th with a rain date of Sunday May 8. Please come to Town Hall for garbage bags and to sign up for road sections. We will also be tallying the number of volunteers.

Thanks for your help keeping our town clean and we hope to see you this weekend.

Arrowsic Conservation Commission.
News from RSU 1

Education continues to be a hot topic across the State and across the Nation. Questions around how we deliver it and how we pay for it pervade the media. This has certainly been the case for RSU1.

Once again, the school budget is the hot topic for this year’s annual report. Our subsidy from the State has been reduced by over $860K, yet our expenses are up. To just conduct “business as usual” we would need to see an increase to the budget of nearly 9% which, in turn, would mean nearly a 12% increase to the local contribution. This is a result of increased fuel costs, increased transportation costs, increased health care costs and contractual increases to salaries across the district. The board feels the district cannot bear the financial burden of maintaining current programs and services, so at the time of writing this we are looking scenarios of a 0%, 2%, and 3% increase to the local contribution.

RSU1 continues to cut costs and reduce expenses, where applicable. We have seen the per pupil costs go from $10,230/student to $9,691/student – one of the lowest $/student cost in our region. Still, we expect this number to continue to go down as state revenues fall, at the expense of important programming and staff in the district.

The board has made efforts to reach out to the community regarding the budget process. A survey was sent out in February designed to get feedback about what was important in education. Also, a committee was set up to analyze what might be done in the district to either reduce expenses or create new streams of revenue to offset the reduction in funding from the State. Known as the “Big Ideas” committee, concepts like year-round school, a four day school week, regional purchasing, grant writing and school reconfiguration were all considered. Unfortunately, none of these concepts could be implemented in time to affect this year’s budget, but these conversations will continue in the future. This year RSU1 has received many grants which have allowed programs to function.

This year two of our original members of the RSU1 Board decided not to run for re-election. Charlie Durfee and Francie Tolan finished out their terms after two years of service to our RSU1 community, and many prior years on the Woolwich and Arrowsic school boards, respectively. Both were key to moving the district forward in a positive direction. Charlie will always hold the distinction of being the first Chair of the RSU1 Board, something which this community should be grateful for. We now welcome Robin Buczkowski, who ran unopposed in District 1 and Alan Walton, who was elected as a write in candidate to represent District 6. In order for RSU1 to be vibrant and healthy we need citizens to participate in the process. We hope to see more involvement during election time in the future.

The district is in the process of searching for a new superintendent. At the December board meeting William Shuttleworth announced his resignation for June 30, 2011 due to personal reasons. We are grateful for his 7 years of service to the district. His effort and energy have been instrumental in the formation of the first RSU in the State.

In August the board and our local teachers’ union, the SEA, finally settled a unified teacher’s contract after 18+ months of work. It was very time consuming but accomplished in a thoughtful manner.

**Important Dates:**

- **May 5** Game night at Town Hall, 6:30-8:30pm
- **May 7** Roadside clean up
- **May 14** Household Hazardous Waste disposal in Bath. For more info, call 443-8356 or 443-8357
- **May 27** Arrowsic Writers Read, 7 p.m.
- **May 31** RSU 1 Hearing and Budget Vote at Bath Middle School at 6 p.m.
- **June 1** Planning Board and Selectmen’s Hearing prior to Town Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- **June 5** New Fire Station Open House, 2 p.m.
- **June 7** RSU budget vote. Polls open at Town Hall all day from 10am-8pm.
- **June 15** Annual Town Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the NEW FIRE STATION.
- **June 18 OR 25 (TBA)** Scholarship fund yard sale

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Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Residents will once again be able to dispose of household hazardous waste in a responsible way this year at the collection event in Bath on May 14, 2011. Preregistration for this event will begin on May 1 by calling 443-8356 or 443-8357. Please visit www.arrowsic.org for more information, or visit the white shed at town hall to pick up a handout.

We hope that residents will join with the conservation committee to help clean up our roads at the annual Roadside Cleanup event in May as well. We also hope that participants will do their best to separate out recyclable and hazardous materials as they gather debris, since this is both environmentally and financially beneficial.

We have been asked by the company who removes our waste to request that residents please limit the items in curbside recycling bins to those that are permitted. Here is a reminder of what is acceptable for single stream pickup:

- paper (including envelopes, paperboard, etc)
- glass of any color
- plastics #1-7 (NOT including shopping bags, un-numbered plastic nor styrofoam)
- aluminum
- tin cans

A few specific recyclable materials that are not appropriate at the curb are collected at the town hall shed. These items are listed below. It is very helpful to our committee if residents follow instructions that are listed inside the shed when leaving their materials, and please leave only materials on this list:

- Alkaline batteries
- Rechargeable batteries
- Portable electronics including: cell phones, cameras, PDAs, laptops, calculators, MP3 players
- CDs/DVDs
- Clean scrap metal under 50 lbs and under 4 feet long

We thank our residents who make a continued effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Trash & Recycling Calendar 2011

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Arrowsic Game Night

Friday May 6th, 2011 6:30-8:30 pm
Town Hall

Join us for laughter and some stiff competition in Sequence, Apples to Apples, Bananagrams, and Carcassone. Bring your own favorite.

We have tea and light snacks to share.

Advertisements

19' Cape Dory Typhoon Daysailer, 1985, rare daysailer model (not weekender), large open cockpit with cuddy cabin, lots of beautiful teak, new sails, new standing rigging, new 6-hp 4-stroke Suzuki outboard, new boom tent. Excellent condition--a real head turner!

Contact: Paul Schlein, pschlein@gmail.com, 443-3209.

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Please check out my Web site for more examples of my work and creativity.
Kate MacGillivary Nichols
207.798.2677 plantmanagerstudio@me.com
Preserving Arrowsic History

Individuals and groups have collected and attempted to organize material for the purpose of preserving Arrowsic history. Recently a group of seven residents came together to explore the effort needed to successfully collect, document and preserve historical documents.

The group visited Peter Goodwin at the Patten Free Library to see the Arrowsic material the library has and have Peter articulate what is involved in collecting, preserving, and storing historical material. The group next visited Georgetown Historical facilities and met with Georgetown Historical Society people who explained the process that was used by them in preserving their material.

During the Georgetown meeting it became clear that to be successful in preserving historical documents one needed individuals that had the time, talent, desire and dedication to make it happen. Some of the key jobs were identified as:

- finding and receiving historical documents
- cataloging and organizing documents
- determining what is and is not historical
- determining and preparing a physical location for storing the documents.
- volunteer coordinator.

Each individual attending the Georgetown meeting, while ready to assist and contribute, agreed that to be successful in preserving our history we needed someone from the town who had the time, desire, dedication and ability to lead such an effort. Hence, this letter.

If you have the time, energy and desire to organize and lead the effort to preserve our town history please contact Larry Wilson at 443-6970 or e-mail him at larryw551@gmail.com

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It Takes a Village

Spring is a nice time to contemplate serving your community by volunteering for a town committee position.

Arrowsic presently has vacancies on the Planning Board, Road Commission and School Advisory Group.

The work of the committees is crucial to the functioning of Arrowsic as a town. Without them, we’re Georgetown. Please help keep us free!

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Registrations Reminders

Boats need their 2011 stickers; don’t forget your boat trailer!

If you’re new to town or have a new puppy, need dog tags within the first 30 days.

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Car and Truck Registrations

March 2011

AMES, HAROLD
BASSETT, DEBORAH
BLANCHARD, HAROLD
BROOKS, MARK
CONNOR, PATRICIA
DAVIS, NANCY
DUNN, FLOYD
ELWELL, KIMBERLY
FRAHM, SHIRLEY
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER
HEARD, ROGER
INNERFIELD, BARRY (2)
JONES, JODY
KM ROBBINS CONSTRUCTION
KING, STANLEY
KNOWLES, EUGENIE
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Car and Truck Registrations
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Morse High School has successfully completed their New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process, and it is a credit to our staff, students and community that this went as successfully as it did. The report can be viewed at: http://mhs.rsu1.org/.

Morse also switched to a new schedule this year (referred to as the 4 by 4). Classes now meet everyday for one semester and then change to four new classes in the next semester. Some reasons for this new change: allow students to focus on fewer classes per semester, reduce some wasted time that was a result of study halls, and provide an opportunity for students who might be falling behind, to receive academic help within the same semester (as opposed to receiving that assistance the following year). Morse entered a student written play in the regional One Act play competition, and something the community should be proud of is the fact that Morse always encourages our students to be the play writer.

The Woolwich school project continues to move ahead on schedule. The transition from Woolwich to Huse went quite smoothly. The staff and students are getting adjusted to their new home in anticipation of the new school, which will be completed in 2012. Now that the warmer weather is here, we will see fast action on the project.

Bath Middle School students learn through expeditions, which are themed projects which engage all their subject areas, and makes learning more meaningful.

West Bath School is new to the Expeditionary Learning model, and four of the staff members presented some of their work to develop a program at West Bath School at a national conference and were very well received. For the first time, West Bath School had a team entering the state Odyssey of the Mind competition and they won first place in their division, which allows them to go to the World Finals after fundraising for their trip!

Fisher Mitchell School now is securing grant funding for a touch tank to engage students in their learning. They were borrowing the living creatures and see the need to continue this type of thrilling exposure for kids.

Dike-Newell School has a new program, through the Barbara Bush Literacy grant, to integrate literacy for families. It is impacting multigenerations of family learners. So far it is very successful and was recently highlighted in the Times Record. Dike-Newell School also has a well integrated guidance curriculum, which is working well for the young learners. Some topics covered are: What fills your bucket? – ways to feel good about yourself and help others feel good too; respecting differences; healthy ways to deal with feelings.

Phippsburg Elementary School allows interested musicians to be involved in Band starting in 4th grade. The Phippsburg School band can usually be seen in the July 4th parade. Many teachers there utilize technology in the students’ learning. Accessing any of our school websites gives a view into many of our classrooms, through the links to each class or grade. Go to www.rsu1.org and click on schools, then the particular school you are interested in exploring.

Our Bath Regional Career and Technical Center has some new programs which are working well, and hopefully students completing these programs will fill the voids in our community for their skills.

The RSU1 Adult Education program continues to grow to offer the support for adult learners, whether they are working to finish their high school diploma, or learn a new skill or hobby.

The number of students involved in athletics is high with the options of organized school teams or intramural sports.

Despite the financial challenges our district faces, our staff continues to focus on the achievement of all students in our schools. The Board goal for 2010-2011 is to increase the percentage of students who are proficient in literacy and math by 10% as measured by local assessment and/or increase the percentage of students making a year’s growth in literacy and math by 10% as measured by local assessment. We are developing initiatives for the remainder of 2011 and 2012 that will continue the work of developing and reviewing curriculum, increasing the graduation rate at the high school, providing meaningful educational opportunities for all students, and improving student performance at all levels.

Sincerely,

RSU1 Board of Directors
Tim Harkins, Board Chair
Julie Rice, Vice Chair
Robin Buczkowski, David Barber, Chet Garrison, Alan Walton, Betsy Varian
Car and Truck Registrations

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DUNN, FLOYD
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FITZGERALD, DAVID SR
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KURRUS, CAROLINE
MAGGIED, SANDY
MALSCH, SAMANTHA
MARTIN, AMY
MARTIN, MICHAEL
MCLEOD, SETH
MCLEOD, JOHN
MORSE, DIANNA
MOUNT, PAMELA
NELSON, WILLIAM
PACKARD, SANCYY
PAULE, SUZANNE
PINEITE, GLORIS
PINEITE, JEFFREY
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ROBINSON, MATTHEW
RON ELWELL PLUMBING
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WEST, BARBARA
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WOOD, JOHN

May 2011

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RHYTHMIC CABLE
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ULMER, WENDY
WARNER, LINDA
WEISS, DAVID
WILSON, LAWRENCE
WISEMAN, ELIZABETH

June 2011

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TARBOX, CASSIE
TOLAN, JAMES
WEISS, DAVID
BUY LOCAL – Your Health Depends On It

“MADE IN CHINA” is the label we have come to expect on most “affordable” merchandise sold in the US. In fact, 40% of US consumer goods purchased today are of Chinese origin. Affordable? The point of purchase price of Chinese goods does not reflect their true cost. The true cost includes the environmental degradation, the human toll of underpaid workers, and fossil fuel consumption in transporting these goods around the world. Another cost is the risk to our health and safety. In the last eight years, 40% of all US recalls (1500 products- tires, Heparin, toothpaste, toys, drywall…) were Chinese products. Recalls have been for toxic additives, contamination, and significant safety hazards. Our health and safety are even more at risk now that we are annually importing 4 BILLION pounds ($5 billion) of “affordable” food from China.

In 2009, 70% of the apple juice, 50% of cod, 50% of processed mushrooms, 20% of frozen spinach and 90% of the Vitamin C consumed in the US was “Made in China”. We are importing 102 million pounds of sauces, 88 million pounds of candy (Mars), 79 million pounds of pet food and 41 million pounds of baked goods and pasta annually. China is also the major supplier of citric acid, xylitol, sorbic acid, and artificial vanilla to American food producers. Since 2005, there has been growing pressure to allow the importation of Chinese poultry, despite overwhelming evidence of dangerous processing and contamination of E. Coli and Salmonella.

Chinese agribusiness relies heavily on pesticides, fertilizer, fungicides, and veterinary medicines many of which are banned in the US. Food processing and production is routinely conducted in highly contaminated dangerous un-inspected facilities and intentional chemical adulteration is common. Remember the pet food scare of 2007? 4000 pets died in America and 300,000 children in China were sickened by the intentional addition of Melamine, a coal processing byproduct, to pet foods and dairy products. Melamine was added to boost the measurable content of protein in the products as a ploy to sell lower quality foods for higher prices. Safety standards for workers are non-existent.

Oversight by the Chinese government is lacking and the FDA is too overwhelmed and underfunded to meet the

COME TO ARROWSIC TOWN GAME NIGHT

Come have fun at the 7th monthly game night at the Arrowsic town hall. We always have tons of fun with all ages from wee ones to adults.

Games include everything from Bananagrams to the ever popular Carcasonne.

Bring your friends and family - everybody’s invited. Also bring your favorite games and snacks to share to the Arrowsic town hall on September 2nd from 6:30 to ????

We hope you’ll be there.
Sebastian Blaiklock

Arrowsic 2nd Annual Vegetable Garden Tour

Our vegetable garden tour was blessed for the second year in a row with a beautiful sunny day. Our 25 or so visitors enjoyed 11 thriving gardens with an abundance of produce and good conversations. Thanks to all the gardeners and visitors for participating in this fun community event. We’ll have to do it again next year!
**Bike Path**

First meeting of concerned bikers who would like to spearhead bike path construction through Arrowsic will be held on Wednesday, Aug 31 at 7 p.m. Please come if you are interested. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Phine Ewing at 443-9795.

**To swimmers and pond lovers**

The conservation commission has acquired a lovely load of wood chips from the Asplundt invasion. We will be taking one hour from 6 to 7 on Monday evening, August 15 to spread as much of it as we can on the path to the pond through the conservation area (east side entrance). We would welcome help from the swimming community, and anyone else interested in lending a hand. Bring rakes and shovels if you have them. Wheel barrows would also be welcomed. If you have a wheel barrow that won't fit easily into your car, call Karen Robbins at 442-7533 to arrange a truck ride for it. We hope to see you at the trailhead.

**Calling Artists and Appreciators**

Arrowsic Artworks is coming back this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5. We will be contacting artists who have participated in the past, but we know there are newcomers in town who might want to participate, as well as closet artists who are getting ready to bust out! Now is the time to gear up and start creating! We will be having a planning meeting the week of Labor Day. Any artists (or anyone!) who would be willing to be part of the planning process, please contact Sukey Heard (443-6768) or Phine Ewing (443-9795).

**Arrowsic Fall Family Fest**

Save the date for the Apple Cider Fest for October 29th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Town Hall

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**RECYCLE—WHY! HOW! WHAT!**

Why? It saves the town money (keeping taxes lower), and it’s good for the environment (keeping our Earth clean and healthy for our children). When we recycle materials, we don’t have to cut down trees for paper and cardboard, mine more metals, and use oil to make plastics.

How? All there recycling goes together—it’s called single stream. Keep 2 small bins in the kitchen, 1 for trash, 1 for recycling. Keep 2 big bins in the garage or outside, 1 for trash, 1 for recycling.

What? Cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers #1-7 (except #6 styrofoam), all paper, newspaper, cereal type boxes, cardboard.

It’s easy! Start Today!

Recycling pickup is every other week!

FMI go to http://arrowsic.org/recycle.html

Janice Rogers

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**From the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee**

With September nearly upon us, folks are busy preparing their kids for school, or preparing their wood stacks for winter. As long as we're in preparation mode, let's also make sure we are all set with good recycling and composting systems. This past year, town recycling tonnage was down and solid waste tonnage was up, which is a trend in the wrong direction. Remember that it helps keep town costs down when heavy materials stay out of the solid waste stream. For more information on "how-tos" with composting, one good resource is: www.cityofbath.com (under Bath Government/Solid Waste & Recycling/Composting).

Other important reminders:

- Please break down cardboard into flat sections no larger than 3’x3’ (this really helps the nice folks who pick up our trash, as boxy items do not fit through the recycling truck slots easily)
- Scrap metal should not go at the curb
  - scrap less than 4 feet in length can be dropped off at the town hall shed
  - pickup for larger or more awkward items can be arranged by appointment with this committee
- Plastic shopping bags are NOT recyclable in our single stream program (even though many bags are labeled as recyclable). Please do not put them with your recycling by the curb, not even to hold your recyclables.

Thank you to the many residents who are thoughtful about their consumption and make efforts to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle!
Articles Needed — Tell Us What Is Going On

The Arrow will be produced on a regular basis; arriving at your doorstep in the months of

February May August November

Due dates will be posted at Town Hall

Questions?
Please contact Quinn Blaiklock
peacefulquinn@gmail.com

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Arrowsic for the opportunity it gave me 31 years ago to be the town’s tax collector. When Jim and Kika and I stepped into the Town Hall to witness our first Arrowsic Town meeting the morning of June 28, 1980, we had been residents of Arrowsic since the day before. As we joined other latecomers crowded around the entrance door, I recognized no one but Fred Kahrl, a distant relative of a relative, who was seated at the front of the hall. The meeting had been called to order; a moderator had been elected, but no one seemed inclined to accept a nomination for clerk, treasurer, or tax collector. When I heard Fred nominate me for tax collector, I thought it was some sort of a joke except that there was a second, and I was introduced, then asked if I accepted the nomination. I must have stuttered something the assemblage took for an acceptance, and with no one stepping forward to run against me, I was elected to the job.

A clerk and treasurer were found subsequently since David Weiss nominated his wife, Sandy, for Town Clerk and then accepted the nomination on her behalf since she was not actually in attendance, though there may have been a phone confirmation, following which, newcomer, G. Kay Elwell, agreed to run for treasurer.

My memory of these proceedings is vague, since at the time, I had been trying to get my head around the concept of being a tax collector. What did it mean? All I could picture was an illustration in some children’s bible, of the hated little Zacchaeus up in a sycamore tree.

It was Lillian Gowen, the town’s previous tax collector, who became my mentor. Under her guidance, I began to understand the day to day work of my job as well as what fun it was to get to know my town … my community … me, who had never, since I was six, lived in any one place more than three years. Here I was, elected to raise money for education our children and for providing public safety and snow plowing and fire protection and country taxes and administration and dues, not because I had somehow proved myself to anyone in Arrowsic, not because I knew anything about local government, but because I had acquiesced, much as Aborigines consent to take a turn leading the “walkabout” across the desert, not that I talked about deserts and walkabouts, not that the notion of walkabouts was even

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truly formed in my own mind.

While Lillian had collected the taxes from her home, that arrangement would not work for me. We were just starting to build our house, and “home” was a 6’x10’ camping trailer barely wide enough to accommodate the carriage sweep of the town’s mammoth typewriter. Consequently, I did town business at the Town Hall during se hours. Though never much of a typist, I did the best I could given the three carbons every form seemed to require. Where I lacked knowledge of town business, there was the support of Lillian and the Selectmen and state workshops and manuals and phone calls to Augusta. My favorite part of the job was meeting people, connecting a face to a name, hearing stories, sharing jokes and cartoons, gathering bits of local history, discovering who had grown up here, who were sisters and father and son.

The pay was never great, but, yes, it mattered that the town paid me. I welcomed that check when it arrived. It covered our taxes. It reassured me that the town thought I deserved some payment even if they couldn’t pay me for all my time.

Truth be told, I was lucky Fred Kahrl was no magician hiding a professional under some magic hat. I am glad, instead, he risked calling out my unknown name, because I think the town benefit from the risk of asking its residents to take leading roles, even if it seems to some that they do not have all the credentials that such a role entails. Sure, there are times we doubt the wisdom of another’s course; I know there were times Fred had his doubts about me, yet I am grateful to Fred and the town for putting me on the tax roll and then charging me to collect, for demonstrating that the town, when in need, can find someone among us willing to step up to the plate.

Sincerely,
Nancy Brown Stump

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Fire Department Dedication Ceremony

Something very exciting happened on Saturday, July 2, 2011 in Arrowsic: the dedication of the Arrowsic Fire Station. The implementation of the structure and purchasing of the new fire truck was made possible by the Town Capital Improvement Fund, the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund, but most importantly, by contributions by area businesses, mountains of materials, and many many hours of volunteer labor.

We, as members of Arrowsic can be very proud of the building and all it represents, the pulling together of our community for a space Arrowsic has not had for a very long time: a sizable meeting space that can house most of the population of the island. We were able to convene in the station for the 2011 Town Meeting in comfort and style. Few bugs, little road noise, and in our home town.

To all those wonderful people who contributed to build the structure, and to all those who will contribute to its smooth running in the future, we thank you.
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Town of Arrowsic
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530

Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
From Milly

I want to thank the Town Affairs for naming the new street by the Fire House Stafford Lane. I only wish George could have seen it. I’m sure he would have been pleased, even though he probably would have said “You shouldn’t have done it.” Anyway, thank you, it’s quite a tribute.

Milly Safford

Water

Water is fundamental to life and although 70% of our planet surface is covered with the stuff only one half of one percent is accessible and fit for consumption — the equivalent of one tablespoon in a gallon jug. The rest is oceanic and salty, or locked up in glacial icecaps and deep underground aquifers. That single tablespoon of water continually moves across the globe in a cycle of evaporation and rainfall. It traverses the landscape through rivers, lakes and aquifers, and is held in an environment most efficiently by plants, grasses and trees. The uneven distribution of water around the world gives rise to radically diverse ecosystems from monsoon soaked tropics to arid deserts and creates unique challenges and opportunities for humans.

Humanity’s health, peace and prosperity are most deeply tied to the access and efficient use of this most precious resource. Technologic advances that have harnessed the power of water have been the key factors in the rise of civilizations and standards of living (Roman aqueducts, Chinese canals, European waterwheels, and today’s massive dams creating hydroelectric power). Ineffective management of water resources has resulted in war, famine, environmental disasters and empire collapse.

Today’s technological advances have created both the opportunity to distribute water resources globally and a widening gap between the water “haves” and have-nots”. Globally one in five (1.1 BILLION) people have access to less than one gallon of drinkable water daily. Twice that

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Storm Window Inserts Workshop

The Mid-Coast Green Collaborative will resume its 2011-2012 storm window workshop season on October 22 and continues with a workshop scheduled for each Saturday throughout the heating season.

These inserts are seasonally reusable clear (not opaque) plastic around a weather stripped pine frame. For single pane double hung windows, they significantly reduce the cold air infiltration. For all windows, they add R-value. The materials are purchased at cost and participates receive instruction on building the windows at the workshop.

The class starts at 8:30 AM each Saturday at the Learning Center Classroom of the Mid-Coast Energy Systems on Route 1 in Damariscotta. For more information about the workshops, or ordering materials call Bob Hardina at 563-5236 or email rhardina@tidewater.net.

Karen Robbins

November 5: Arrowsic Artworks
Town Hall 10am-3pm

Arrowsic Artworks is coming back Saturday, November 5. Come see local artists, and enjoy the creativity of our town. For more information, please contact Sukey Heard (443-6768) or Phine Ewing (443-9795).

November 5: Arrowsic Fall Festival
Rescheduled Fire Station 1pm-3pm
Cider pressing, Bike Parade, Fall Gathering!
Rescheduled on account of snow, come to the Fire Station Saturday, November 5th from 1:00– 3:00. Bring yourself and a cup!

November 8: Get out and Vote!
The easiest way to exercise (your rights) is on Tuesday, November 8th. The Town Hall will be open 10am-8pm to accommodate your work day. Thank all the volunteers for their dedication! Remember, you can’t complain about the system unless you do your part to change it.
From the Editor ...

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Quinn Blaiklock
peacefulquinn@gmail.com

From the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee:

Our thanks to Mark Geiger. Mark volunteered and promptly completed the cleaning and painting of the town recycling shed.

Please consider visiting https://www.catalogchoice.org as an effective way of reducing unwanted "junk mail." A member of this committee has enrolled with terrific outcome.

Another recycling opportunity is now available at town shed: electronics such as stereo components, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CB radios, etc. You can now place these items on the lower shelf in the shed. 

Note: TVs and computer monitors still are not allowed. They are considered "universal waste" and should be delivered to an attendant at the Bath Landfill or Pine Tree waste. There is a handout further explaining universal waste in the shed.

Reminders of other recycling opportunities at the town shed: rechargeable and single use batteries, CD'S/ DVD's, scrap metal.

Curbside reminders:
Separate your recycling bins from your trash piles by at least 3 feet.
Apply yellow recycling sticker to bin. (Find sticker in town shed.)
Flatten cardboard because cardboard not flattened will be trashed.
No plastic bags allowed in single stream recycling, not even to contain recyclables.

Recycling is mandatory in Arrowsic. Many of the above points are repeated from one Arrow to the next because we do see recurring mistakes and some cases of complete refusal to recycle. We also have many residents who are avid recyclers and who work hard to manage their waste appropriately.

The committee chair cleaned up and sorted several litter and dump sites over the summer. The largest dump pile weighed out at close to 800 lbs. Of the 800 lbs, 60 lbs were recycled, 80 lbs of clothes and toys were donated properly, and 660 lbs of bathroom demolition debris were trucked to West Bath drop off. We found the proof in this pile against the dumping offender. The case is not yet resolved. Please note: Your vigilance to witness dumpers, check for identifying items, and report the incident is our best tool to enable prosecution.

Please reuse, reduce, recycle, repair. Respectfully,
ASWC
Liz Ware

COME TO ARROWSIC TOWN GAME NIGHT

Come have fun at the 9th monthly game night at the Arrowsic town hall. We always have tons of fun with all ages from wee ones to adults.

Games include everything from Bananagrams to the ever popular Carcasonne.

Bring your friends and family - everybody’s invited. Also bring your favorite games and snacks to share to the Arrowsic town hall on November 11th from 6:30 to ???? We hope you’ll be there. 
Sebastian Blaiklock

2012 Dog Licenses Available:

Your dog’s current license will expire on December 31, 2011.

Late fee is February 1, 2012 $25.00 by 2010 law.

Beat the rush!

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Invitation to Join the Arrowsic Group web site

Arrowsic maintains a Google group website called ARROWSIC GROUP that is designed to facilitate information exchange within the town’s residents. Only Arrowsic residents can become members.

Town notices are sent to the group, as well as announcements of events, items for sale, and opportunities. To date 64 Arrowsic residents are members. 71 items have been posted since the site came on line. A few examples are: Notice for Bald Head Road Project, Director Sagadahoc County Emergency Management detailed account during hurricane Irene, Notice of Town Hall closing due to a snow storm, Note from the Arrowsic Solid Waste Committee, a few items for sale, and an invitation to Game Night at the Town Hall.

You can elect to receive posting notices by e-mail or not receive notices. If you elect not to receive posting notices, you can view them by visiting the Arrowsic Group web site.

Only Arrowsic residents may become members and to join requires only an email to Paul Kalkstein at “news@arrowsic.org” requesting membership. If you are not already a member of this group, please join. It is free and there is no spam. The group is at: http://groups.google.com/group/arrowsic. Remember, an e-mail to Paul Kalkstein, Arrowsic Webmaster, asking for an invitation will get you easily into the group.

Larry Wilson, Resident

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number (2.6 BILLION) lack the 5 gallons per day needed for rudimentary sanitation. Where rain fall is abundant the clear cutting of forests and natural vegetation strips the land of its ability to hold and manage run-off leading to flooding and landslides. Violence and social upheaval are direct consequences of these water stresses.

In our water rich country we directly use 100 gallons of water daily, much of it flushed down our toilets. Another 400 gallons/person per day is consumed for crop irrigation and energy production (coal, nuclear and steam turbines in hydroelectric power plants). The water that cycles through our human use is returned to the ecosystem loaded with contaminants and environmental hazards that must be managed. The US has managed its water resources well enough to maintain and distribute some of the cleanest drinking water in the world and maintain a high standard of sanitation. However, even here there is a growing sense of urgency around water. The urgency has been capitalized on by corporations and water has become a commodity sold to the water rich at $10/gallon in designer plastic bottles that consume three times more water to produce than fill the bottle. This is a $61 billion dollar global industry.

The global water crisis can feel remote until your own well runs dry. As an island community, Arrowsic floats in an abundance of undrinkable water. Our fresh water is derived solely from rain fed wells that must be carefully dug to avoid contamination with sea water. Our water waste management is dependent on functioning septic fields in our own back yards. These limiting factors encourage us to be mindful of our water use.

Conservation is the key –from sustainable forestry and wetland management, choosing efficient water use and treatment and using purchasing power. Remember that every energy or dollar expenditure you choose to make has a hidden water cost that is often paid by those who can least afford it.

For more information go to www.foodandwaterwatch.org or the union of concerned scientists at www.ucsusa.org/energy-water

Gretchen Sibley

TRASH & RECYCLING CALENDAR 2011-2012

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*Denotes that curbside recycling is also picked up

Recycling is mandatory!
(and a great idea! Have you seen the landfill?)

Please no bulky items or hazardous waste.

Trash/Recycling questions/Comments/ Contact John Hinds, Judy Kahrl, Roz Mclean, Liz Parker Ware, or Damian Sokol.
September 2011
ATER, ROBERT
BARNES, ANNE
BLAIKLOCK, WILLIAM (2)
BOYCE, STEVEN
BRIGGS ADVERTISING INC
BRIGGS, JANE
BIRGGS, WALTER
BROOKS, CRYSTAL
BROWN, MICHAEL
BRYANT, SARAH
BURKE, JOANNE
CAMPBELL, SHERMAN (2)
CARLTON, JAMES
CARLTON, ANN
CATON, ROBERT
CHAFFEE, JOHN
DAVIS, SHAWN
DRESSER, ARTHUR
DUNN, FLOYD
ELWELL, NORMA
GEIGER, MARK
GEIGER, MARK C (2)
GUCKENBURG, GREGORY
HANSON, JUNE
HEWLETT, LOIS
JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG
MAGGIED, SANDY
MORSE, RICHARD (2)
NEILSON, WILLIAM
PENDERGRASS, CASSANDRA
PENDERGRASS, NANCY
PIEH, JEROME
PIEH, LUCY
PINETTE, JAMES
PINETTE, REBECCA
ROOT, DONALD
SAMUEL, GILES
SCHLEIN, MONA I
SEWALL, EDWARD III
STAHL-MACLEOD, GRETCHEN

Town of Arrowsic
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530

Sept. continued ...
STARBIRD, JAYNE (2)
STEPHENSON, MARK STONE, JOHN JR
WARE, DOUGLAS WARE, ELIZABETH WEISS, DAVID
WELSH, JOSEPH (2)
WILSON, LAWRENCE WISEMAN, KENNETH

October 2011
BAKER, KENNETH
BLANCHARD, HAROLD
BROWN, ANITA
CATON, ROBERT
CRABTREE, R CHRISTIAN CREPEAU, KATE-LORENA DEMERS, THOMAS
ELWELL, NORMA
ELWELL, ROBERT
FAVRO, PHILIP (2)
GILES, SAMUEL
GRILL, MARIA
HEWLETT, HERBERT
JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG (2)
King, Stanley
Knight, Mildred
KREINDLER, MICHAEL LEBRUN, LEONARD
MACLEOD, GRETCHEN MARTIN, SANDRA
MOUNT, PAMELA
NELSON, ROBERT
ORR, EDWARD
PACKARD, PHILLIP
PINETTE, CRAIG
ROBINSON, HELEN
STAFFORD, MILDRED
TARBOX, CHARLES
WELSH, JOSEPH

November 2011
AMES, SYLVIA
ATER, JESSICA
ATER, MATTHEW BERTSCHY, MELANE
BRUMMER, KATHLEEN CARLTON, DALE COBB, LESLIE DETWILER, BRIAN ELWELL, RICHARD FOYE, JUSTIN GOODSPEED, GEORGE GRILL, CHRISTOPHER HARKINS, EILEEN JEWETT, KARLA JORGENSEN LANDSCPNG KAHRL, JULIA (2) KING, KATHY LEE, DARYL MALEY, DOROTHY MILLER, ELAINE ORR, WANDA PFEIFFER, PHILIP (2) PINETTE, ANTHONY PUFF, STEPHAN ROGERS, JANICE ROGERS, ROBERT ROY, SHARON SCHUMAKER, WILLIAM STARBIRD, JOHN THOMAS, KATHRYN TTEE, UTD WEISS, DAVID WELSH, JOSEPH

December 2011
BROWN, PAMELA BROWN, CHARLOTTE BROWN, PAUL BRYANT, ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, SHERMAN CHAPIN, BARTON III DAVIS, SHAWN ELWELL, ROBERT ELWELL, ROBERT A BILES, SAMUEL GILLIAM, BRET GOWELL, R RANDALL II HARKINS, TIMOTHY III KALISH, ROBERT KANE, JEAN KNOWLES, ROBERT JR LAKIN, BARBARA LEVESQUE, REBECCA LOGAN, LUCY MCLAVER, PAULINE PATZLAFF, GARY PUFF, DAVID ROLLINS, ELIZABETH SHAW, JOY SKILLINGS COLEMAN, ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, MICHAEL THEODORE, STEVEN WARNER, KEVIN WELCH, RACHEL WOODRUFF, PETER

Resident
HO 1
Arrowsic, ME 04530