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Make A Difference
In Your Town
Arrowsic has three open positions that need to be filled. These positions are Animal Control Officer, Town Constable, and Fire Chief. Please contact one of the selectmen if you have an interest in any one of these positions. Larry Wilson: 443-6970 or lwilson@gwi.net; Michele Gaillard: 442-7443 or gaillar@bowdoin.edu; Sukey Heard: 443-6768 or sukeyheard@gwi.net.

Arrowsic School Committee Meetings
• Sept. 14th, 7pm: Arrowsic School Committee and Select Board will hold an informational meeting to discuss educational issues. This meeting will be facilitated by Darla Jewett and will be held at Town Hall. Please come with comment and concerns.
• Sept. 6th, 5:30pm: Joint governance meeting between Union 47 and Bath School Board at Union 47 Central Office, West Bath
• Sept. 9th, 8:45am: Monthly meeting at Union 47 Central Office, West Bath
• Sept. 20th, 6-8pm: Union 47 School Board (Committees from all towns) meet at Phippsburg
• For additional meetings in Oct./Nov. see the town website

Thanks To Ike Heffron
Ike Heffron and his family have moved to their new home in Eagle Lake. Tara moved up in August to get the children ready for school. Ike planned to stay in Arrowsic until late September, but both Ike and Tara found jobs. Ike’s job required him to report on Monday, August 22nd. Ike did a wonderful job pulling the Arrowsic Fire Department together and seeing that new members got the necessary training. We wish them all well and hope to see them when they return for a visit.

Meanwhile, the Selectmen have appointed Deputy Chief, George Meade, to be Acting Chief until all interested candidates have a chance to apply. We thank George for taking things on at short notice, and are grateful for his experienced leadership.

Arrowsic Artworks Show
Saturday, Nov. 5th
10 to 3.
-Featuring artworks by town residents-

We will be contacting artists who have been involved in the past. We welcome newcomers to join us, anyone who has artwork they would like to sell or to display please contact Phine Ewing at 443-9795 or Clare Bridge at 442-0159.

Arrowsic lost two members of its community last week: Sally Brooks who served the Town as Tax Collector and Pat Harcourt, a former Selectman. There will be a celebration of Pat’s life planned for later in the fall.

Notes from the Tax Collector

1. Applications for the 2005 Maine Residents Property Tax & Rent Refund Program are now available at the Town Hall. This is the so-called “circuit breaker” program which has been expanded to cover both property owners and renters. The income minimums have been raised to $99,500 or less for 2004 household income if you have a spouse or dependent(s) and $74,500 or less if you do not have a spouse or dependent(s). You can also file online at www.maine.gov/revenue. Check it out!

2. Please be aware that a new law went into effect January 2005 that requires a company insuring a vehicle registered in Maine to immediately notify the Secretary of State when insurance coverage is cancelled or terminated or allowed to lapse. Once notified, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will send a letter to the registrant informing him or her that the registration for that particular vehicle will be suspended in 30 days. If you have put a vehicle in storage, sold or transferred the vehicle or obtained insurance from another company, please contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles immediately by calling the Financial Responsibility Section at 207-624-9000 ext. 52108.

   You can also fax your current insurance information to 207-624-9124 or enter the information online at www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/poi/

From Our Residents

Congratulations

Congratulations to this year’s high school graduates. Congratulations Anne Brett, Sarah Bryant, Ben Dauphin, Jared Dunn, Brenton Elwell, Matthew Elwell, Reuben Hudson, Andrew Mitchell, Kathryn Norris, Jonathan Robinson, Cassie Tarbox. Your names were called at Town Meeting and you were applauded for this accomplishment. We wish you well on the roads ahead. They may not be paved or as well maintained as Rt. 127, but they will have the same sky above, the same Earth beneath; there will be birds that fly over and raccoons that venture across; there might even be mosquitoes buzzing around.

   You are travelers now whether you go or stay here, and the journey is never
guaranteed to be just what you want: roads are inclined to have ups and downs, they are apt to rut and spring pot holes. So here’s hoping you feel a cool breeze when it grows stifling. Here’s hoping you take time to pick blueberries at the sides of back roads and listen to the songs crickets make rubbing their legs together. When life is difficult, may it not be too difficult, may you grow strong with strength that is full of kindness and compassion, which is what Arrowsic means after all.

Congratulations! Fare well.

N. Brown Stump

Real School Choice
It has been argued by some that a contract with a specific school district for some or all of Arrowsic’s students still allows choice, as parents can choose to pay any additional tuition for a non-contract school. While the majority of Arrowsic families could probably shoulder this additional cost, I believe that it is fundamentally unfair to ask them to. Here’s why:

There are actually two choices involved in this debate; the choice to live in a waterfront house or large acreage, and the choice to send kids to the school that is best suited to their abilities, temperament, etc. People live in this town for both reasons. Why should the choice of the first be an excuse to burden the second with additional costs? The tuition increases to the parents will be substantially more than the tax increase to the waterfront people, especially if they have more than one child. For example, if I choose to send my two children to Georgetown instead of Bath, I may have to come up with an additional $3000 per year, per student. Has anybody’s property taxes gone up by $6000 in one year? I doubt it. Society benefits more when our children get the education that is best for them, rather than making it easier for folks to retire by the water. People whose taxes are increasing have a choice, too: to move to a cheaper location! The citizens of Arrowsic need to decide which choice will serve us better in the future.

Jeremy Blaiklock

Trash and Recycling

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( * ) trash and recycling pickup.

Halloween Party!
Sunday, October 30th
2–4pm
Join us at Town Hall for games, stories, crafts and goodies.
Call Francie Tolan 443-4893
or Maria Grill 442-8152
for more information.

Ballot Questions Nov. 8, 2005

Question 1: People’s Veto
“Do you want to reject the new law that would protect people from discrimination in employment, housing, education, public accommodations and credit based on their sexual orientation?”

Question 2: Bond Issue
“Do you favor a $33,100,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges; airports; public transit improvements; state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities including port and harbor structures; and statewide bicycle trail and pedestrian improvements that makes the State eligible for over $158,000,000 in matching funds?”

Question 3: Bond Issue
“Do you favor an $8,900,000 bond issue for purposes related to agriculture and the environment in anticipation of approximately $31,000,000 in federal funds to be used for sustainable water sources and irrigation system development, loans from a wastewater state revolving fund, grants from a small community grants program, support of public water system improvements and repairs and improvements to a veterinary technician facility at the University of Maine?”

Question 4: Bond Issue
“Do you favor a $20,000,000 bond issue to stimulate economic growth and job creation through investments in the Maine economy in anticipation of approximately $44,000,000 in federal and private funds for medical research and development; marine research and development; equity investments in small Maine companies with potential for high growth; the New Century Community Program for capital improvements to cultural resources; the renovation of Camden Hall on the University of Maine Bangor campus for a graduate school for biomedical science; the development of the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology; capital costs and equipment for the career center facility at the University of Southern Maine’s Lewiston-Auburn College; and the development of the Sunrise Business and Career Center in the Town of Jonesboro?”

Question 5: Bond Issue
Do you favor a $12,000,000 bond issue to purchase land and conservation easements statewide from willing sellers for conservation, water access, wildlife and fish habitat, outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing, farmland preservation and working waterfront preservation to be matched by at least $7,000,000 in private and public contributions?”

Question 6: Bond Issue
“Do you favor a $9,000,000 bond issue to make building renovations at campuses of the
University of Maine System, improve and expand the facilities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine and make building renovations at campuses of the Maine Community College System?”

**Question 7: Constitutional Amendment**

“Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to permit the Legislature to authorize waterfront land used for commercial fishing activities to be assessed based on the land’s current use in a manner similar to treatment now available for farms, open space and forestland?”
The Selectmen’s Corner

At our most recent meeting, we welcomed back traveling committee members who had just returned from assorted parts of the world. We all agreed how lucky we are to live in this beautiful corner of the world. As Dorothy said, “There’s no place like home, especially if it is Arrowsic.”

We are also lucky that so many of our residents feel such a strong sense of commitment to the Town that they are willing to give of their time and energy to make it an even better place. To have such able and hard working officials like Tax Collector Liz Rollins, Town Clerk Phine Ewing, and Treasurer Paul Schlein to keep things moving smoothly and efficiently is a huge bonus. There are so many aspects of running a town, even one as small as Arrowsic, and our officials and committees provide invaluable contributions to the common good.

We realize that these good folks will probably not continue in their positions forever, and we should therefore be making plans for replacing them when the time comes. It was suggested that we formulate a list of interested but currently uninvolved people who might be willing to step into the breach should the need arise. There are lots of opportunities. Some take just a little time, some take a bit more.

Below is a list of positions and committees with their traditional schedules.

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Is there an area of Town affairs that seems interesting to you? Do you have strengths and talents that you would be willing to share? See if there is a way for you to add to the quality of life in Arrowsic. Please call or e-mail one of the Selectmen to let us know where your talents lie. Or slip a note into the Selectmen’s box at Town Hall. Larry Wilson, 443-6970, lwilson@gwi.net; Michele Gaillard, 442-7443, mgaillar@bowdoin.edu; Sukey Heard, 443-6768, sukeyheard@gwi.net.

SEPTIC SYSTEM OPPORTUNITY:
Do you have a problematic septic system?? The State has notified us of an opportunity to apply for a grant to replace faulty systems with between 25% and 100% reimbursement. Please contact one of the Selectmen or our Town Clerk or Tax Collector if you think your system might qualify.

Car Registrations

November
Ames, S.
Bassett, M.
Bertschy, M.
Blaiklock, W
Brett, J.
Brummer, K.
Cossart, E.
Elwell, Ri. (PC1259GA)
Elwell, Ro. (PC1233GA)
Harkins, E.
Heath, R.
Jorgensen (C0713431)
Jorgensen (C0713429)
Lee, D.A.
Macleod, J.K.
Mann, J.
McClead, S.
Newcomb, D.
Orr, E.
Peih, J.
Safford, G.
Schumaker, W.
Starbird, J.
Tarbox, C.
Thomas, K.
TTEE, UTD
Weiss, D.
Wodruff, M.
Volunteers Needed

The Properties Committee is in the process of doing needed repairs to the Town Hall.

We need residents to help repair things such as a cellar window, secure the kitchen floor, insulate the basement, build shelves and paint walls. This coming summer we must paint the north side of the Town Hall. If you can help us with some of these tasks, please call Bob Ater at 443-1519.

TOWN HALL STOVE, REFRIGERATOR and KITCHEN SINK available for the taking.

If you are interested in either the stove, refrigerator and/or sink, that is in Town Hall, you should call Bob Ater at 443-1519, after 4pm for further information. Deadline for requesting items is December 20th, 2005. If more than one resident requests an item, names will be put in the box, and one name will be drawn by the Properties committee.
This winter’s Midcoast Community Read selection

The Secret Life of Lobsters: How Fisherman and Scientists are Unraveling the Mysteries of Our Favorite Crustacean by Trevor Corson. Journalist Trevor Corson, who summered in Maine as a boy, worked for two years as a sternman aboard a lobster boat out of Little Cranberry Island while researching Gulf of Maine inhabitants - human and marine alike. He turns the spotlight on life in a lobstering community; the work of robot-wielding scientists; and of course, on the lobsters themselves. His in-depth investigations into lobster behavior and biology between the Kennebec River and Bar Harbor reveal a creature both amorous and belligerent, social and predatory.

The reading period kicks off on January 10th through February. Activities will follow in March. FMI: visit your library or www.midcoastreads.com.

Notes from Georgetown Central School:

Things are busy as usual here at school! We’ve welcomed three additional students to the family since school started in September.

Open House on October 5th was a tremendous success. We enjoyed a 1K family fun run/walk followed by greetings and introductions in the gym. Families were then invited to visit classrooms and teachers. It was great to see everyone!

We are very pleased to announce that our 4th graders scored top in the state on the science MEAs last spring. Their success didn’t stop there. They scored second in the state on math, seventh in reading, and thirty-first in writing. Three cheers for our kids!

Please join us for a Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on December 10th at 5pm. (Adults $6, Children under 12 are $4 and children under 5 are free) This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping! Enjoy a meal and place your bid! Proceeds will be used to purchase new playground equipment.

Community service is an important way our children learn to give back to the communities who are so generous to them. In September, Ms. Ayers’ fourth grade students raised over $300 for victims of Hurricane Katrina. In November, Mrs. Morissette’s second grade students collected canned food items for needy families. Mr. Kosak’s sixth grade students are working on a long-term project gathering items for the Fire Department Auxiliary to give to families who have lost their homes to fire.

From the Solid Waste Committee

UNIVERSAL WASTE: the State of Maine will have new requirements for disposal of Universal Wastes starting Jan ’06. This will affect most households in Arrowsic. Universal Waste includes: CRT’s - cathode ray tubes in computer monitors and TVs;
batteries - rechargeable batteries, not ordinary alkaline batteries; mercury containing items - thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches; lamps - fluorescent bulbs, basically all light bulbs except an old fashioned incandescent; ballasts - found in old fluorescent fixtures.

Universal waste contains heavy metals such as mercury and lead that are harmful to our health and the environment. Proper management protects all of us. For the near future these items will be accepted at the Bath Landfill for a nominal fee. This is subject to change by the City of Bath so now is the time to identify any items that need disposal.

Bath Landfill hours are: 7:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday. Please call Liz Ware 443-1490 or Judy Jones 442-7612 with any questions.

2006 Trash and Recycling

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*Trash and recycling pick-ups
The Arrowsic Arrow  
May 2006

Dates to note

Public Hearing
Wednesday, May 31st, 
6:30pm at Town Hall
There will be presentations from the
School Committee on the 2006-2007 budget,
from the Shellfish Committee, the Planning
Board proposed ordinance changes and a
Citizens Group ordinance change to be voted
on at Town Meeting.

Primary Election
June 13th
Voters enrolled in a party are eligible to
vote. Unenrolled voters who wish to vote in
the Democratic, Republican, or Green Party
primary may register as a member of that
party when they arrive at the polls on election
day or earlier.

Town Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th,
6:30pm Georgetown School

From The Selectmen

Committee Openings:
Our present need is two permanent members
for The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) The
Board meets on a needs basis, which is
normally 2 to 3 times a year. This is a very
important committee which helps to shape
the future of the Town. Please contact any
one of the selectmen, or Phine to apply for
one of the vacancies.

From the Solid Waste &
Recycling Committee

The hard-working crew who picks up our
curbside recycling each week would like to
make the following two requests of residents:
1) Please rinse containers
2) Please break down your corrugated
cardboard into flat units of no more than
three feet square so that they fit into the truck
slot (they can be folded or cut into this size)

Two other useful points of information
that you may not know:
1) There is a collection box for recycling
rechargeable batteries in the shed at the town
hall.
2) Inkjet printer cartridges may be recycled
free of charge by dropping them off at the
post office.

We recognize that there are many
different rules regarding “where to put what”
when it comes to recycling, and we are
working toward making a comprehensive list
that will be distributed to residents in the
coming months. Finally, our committee
would like to welcome input from concerned
recyclers about how to increase adherence to
our mandatory recycling ordinance, since it is
apparent that many of us are still in violation.

As always, your cooperation is
appreciated. Questions, please call Heather
Baker (443-1713), John Hinds (443-4322),
Judy Jones (442-7612), Roz McLean (386-
0179), or Liz Ware (443-1490).

Congratulations

Three of Union 47’s National Honor
Society inductees are from Arrowsic.
Congratulations to Brian Carlton, Will Kalish
and Henry Mann on their hard work! The
National Honor Society recognizes
From The School Committee

The Arrowsic School Committee held an information meeting on May 2 to discuss the results of its investigation regarding contracting for the education of Arrowsic students. About 25 people attended the meeting at Town Hall to hear and comment on the results of the work begun by the committee last October.

The investigation was in response to concerns by Arrowsic residents over the increase in school costs for the 2004-05 school year. The school committee undertook a study to “pursue the viability of contracting for the education of our elementary and high school students”. RFI’s (request for information) were sent to nine school districts (18 area schools) in an effort to gauge the interest of these schools in negotiating a contract to educate Arrowsic schoolchildren.

Responses from five districts, representing 12 schools were received. The school committee spent two months reading, considering, analyzing, discussing and synthesizing the responses. Based on several criteria, the school committee presented its findings and recommendation at a selectmen’s meeting on February 13. The criteria that were considered included, tuition costs, proposed terms of a contract, MEA scores, proximity to Arrowsic (i.e. transportation costs and length of travel), condition of facility, educational opportunities, and shared history/sense of community. The school committee also took into account the economic situation of the area (BNAS closing, BIW uncertainty, spending cap in Bath) as well as the larger state education picture (EPS (Essential Programs and Services) fluctuation, possible school construction, reconfigured schools). We learned that the area schools have different strengths and different weaknesses that may or may not lead to the best educational climate for an individual child.

After much deliberation, the school committee believes that the responsibility of educating Arrowsic’s children is best left up to parents who can choose from many options to determine where their child is best suited. The Arrowsic community has historically been well informed when it comes school issues. Parental involvement in school choice encourages parental involvement in schools and their children’s learning. The tax savings of contracting are not compelling enough to warrant a change in policy for a system that has worked well for Arrowsic students for many years. The tuition rates proposed were not locked in, they were based on the yearly rate set by the state, which changes from year to year. These, as well as factors of instability within surrounding school districts and economic uncertainty at the regional and state level led us to our recommendation. Our recommendation to the select board and to the town is that Arrowsic not contract with any one school or district at this time. We do, however, feel that the issue should be revisited, therefore the school choice option will be reviewed annually.

The board of selectmen accepted our recommendation that it is not “viable to pursue contracting” at this time.

Francie Tolan, Nancy Brown Stump, Walter Briggs

From The Georgetown Central School

Spring has arrived at the Georgetown School. The bulbs that Nancy Axelson
planted with the kindergartners in the memorial garden are beautiful! Many thanks to the community members who came in to read to kids on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss' birthday! We enjoyed a day full of great stories!

Fundraising for new playground equipment is completed. Thanks to all who contributed!

Our kids continue to give back to the community and the world at large. Over the last month, our students raised over $1,300 to purchase gifts of livestock for struggling families around the world who need an ongoing source of income. They also raised money for Jump Rope for Heart, Cystic Fibrosis, and Nurse Sherwood's Mexico Mission trip.

The Georgetown Central School Leadership Club has exciting news! We now have a shed for you to drop off your 5 and 15 cent bottles and cans. The money will be put into an account so that the students of the Leadership Club may do other community service projects for Georgetown and Arrowsic. What a fabulous opportunity for you to give to the students, who will in turn learn about giving back to the community! Thank you for your support with this project.

April Car Registrations
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Dunn, D.
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Dunn, S.
Elwell, M.
Fitzherbert, D.
Guckenburg, G.
Guckenburg, M.
Gunston, K.
Huene, A.
Jones, Jody
Jorgensen Landscaping
Jorgensen Landscaping
Kane, M.
Kingsbury, B.
Levesque, C.
Mackie, S.
Macmahan, J.
Martin, A.
McLure, J.
Munsey, W.
Olde Kennebec Wood Cookery
Orr, E.
Packard, N.
Packard, P.
Packard, P.
Puff, K.
Ron Elwell Plumbing
Shaw, J.
Shover, E.
Shover, E.
Simmons, T.
Starbard, R.
Stone, J.
Stuart, S.
Sullivan, T.
Theodore, S.
Thomas, R.
Warner, J.
Willoughby, S.
Willoughby, S.
Wilson, E.
Woodruff, M.
May Car Registrations

Ames, H.
Anderson, E.
Arsenault, P.
Barter, M.
Beaton, D.
Brooks, D.
Bryant, B.
Carlton, A.
Chapin, E.
Conner, P.
Cunningham, L.
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Westcott, D.
Wilson, L.
Wiseman, E.
Wood, J.
From Your Selectmen

The Public Hearing for the 2007 Town Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29th. The School Committee and the Planning Board will explain the warrant articles they will be presenting. Selectmen will be available to answer questions as well.

Our local State Representative, Bruce MacDonald, would like everyone to know that he can be contacted at bmacdon@adelphia.net.

Applications for the Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Program for the 2005 tax year must be filed by May 31, 2007. Applications are available at Town Hall or online at www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/tnr.htm.

The 2007 Arrowsic Town Meeting will be held on June 13th, at 6:30, at the Georgetown Central School, on Baypoint Road. See you there.

A Reminder from Codes Enforcement

NOTICE:
Under the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance
in Shoreland and Resource Protection Districts within 100 Feet of high water:

Sec. 3.2.3(a)iv: “In order to maintain a buffer strip of vegetation, when the removal of storm damaged, diseased, unsafe or dead trees results in the creation of cleared openings, these openings shall be replanted with native tree species unless existing new tree growth is present.”

Questions? Contact the CEO: 442-7443

From Your Animal Control Officer

As many of you know, coyotes were very active on the island last year, and I expect them to continue this year. I received several calls about missing cats, which were probably victims of coyotes or other predators. Also, last year, Sagadahoc county had a large number of rabies cases; in fact we were in the top three for the state. To keep your pets safe, please don’t let them roam at large unsupervised, and do not feed coyotes or any other wild animals in your yard. Thank you. Jeremy Blaiklock, ACO (H#) 443-4630 (Cell #) 232-0055.

Calling All 4 year Olds!

Georgetown Central School is considering offering a preschool program next year. The program would be offered four days a week with 1/2 day sessions. Transportation would be provided.

Please call Georgetown School, 371-2160, if you have a child who will be four years old on or before October 15th 2007 and are interested in a preschool program.
Alewife Study

*Volunteers Needed*

For the past ten years, the Arrowsic Conservation Commission has requested and received shipments of roughly 500 alewives each spring from the Department of Marine Resources. This year, the ACC decided to try to determine how many of these fish come back in the spring, and how this differs from abundance in the past. Responses to the survey run in last winter’s Arrow indicate that in the 1960s, about 75 bushels were harvested each spring. This declined to 53 bushels the spring before the Alewife fishery was closed for conservation purposes in the early 1980s. There had also been some elver (young eel) netting in the early 80s.

One factor in the decline of returning alewives may have to do with obstruction of Sewall Creek. The ACC worked with Maine Department of Transportation to remove debris from above the culvert under Route 127, and to clear the eddy pool downstream. MDOT is aware of our efforts to re-establish the fishery, and is willing to help when possible. John Wood and Karen Robbins made a hydrological survey of the creek channel. We may design and install a fish ladder to allow fish passage into the pond at all tides rather than just at high tide.

Many of you may have seen a wire and wood structure newly built into Sewall Pond at the outlet. This is a fish trap, from which we will count and record the fish entering the pond after each high tide. Alewives make their run into inland ponds when the water temperature is between about 12 and 14 degrees centigrade. During the fine weather at the beginning of the last full week in April, water temperature hovered just under 12 degrees, and several fish were caught in the trap. The temperature has since subsided to near 10 degrees (as of this writing, April 28), and the trap has been empty.

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping to count and record the alewives (and any other fish species present), and net them out of the trap and return them to Sewall Pond outside of the trap thus assuring a spawning population for this season. There will be a training session for volunteers on Saturday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the culvert on Route 127.

**Vehicle Registrations**

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We were thrilled to have lots of familiar community faces join us for our annual Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day in February. Children celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday and enjoyed listening to stories read by Don Cowing, Sukey Heard, and Tom McCandless.

Throughout the school year, our teachers conducted research studies to improve their instructional practice. This spring, one group of teachers looked at our writing curriculum from kindergarten through second grade. Their work will ensure that we provide a solid writing foundation in the primary grades. A second group studied “nature deficit” children (the phenomenon of children in our country who don’t spend much time outside experiencing nature). As part of their research project, we are planning a “Nature Day” on the afternoon of Friday May 25th. We plan to offer orienteering, bird watching, nature hunts, and other fun activities. If you are a “nature buff” and would like to volunteer to help out, please call us!

If you’ve been following our boat building project, our snub nosed pram is finished and we can’t wait to launch it! Our celebration launch will be on Friday May 25th at 10am at Todd’s Landing. We are deeply grateful to Bath Iron Works for giving us the “seed money” to start this project and to Wil Ansel for teaching our students how to build the boat. This has truly been a once-in-a lifetime opportunity for them. We will be raffling the pram off during the Working League Fair in August!

You won’t want to miss our Theater Kids production! The students have written their own play this year, it celebrates all of the many talents of local residents. Students are interviewing residents to learn more about them and will then be “portraying” them in the play. Be on the look out for local lobstermen, jewelers, quilters, boat builders, artists, and chefs. You won’t want to miss this show! Please join us on Thursday June 14th at 6pm here at the school or Friday June 15th at 6pm at the Community Center.

Finally, we are very excited to welcome our new neighbors, the Georgetown Historical Society, to their new home in June. Our students will be preparing items for the Time Capsule and our teachers are looking forward to building a collaborative partnership with the Society. Their wealth of historical information will be such an asset to our curriculum!

It’s never a dull moment around here! Stop in anytime!

Notes From Solid Waste

Single Stream: Please remember that containers which held hazardous materials ex. antifreeze or oil containers, syrofoam food packaging, pizza boxes, and plastic bags of any kind are unacceptable for single stream regardless of how well you clean these items. Recycling batches may be rejected when these items are found in processing.

Notes:
1) Trash/recycling information handouts and recycling decals are available 24/7 at the shed at town hall.
2) Thank you to all the respondents for our pay per bag inquiry from the February Arrow. We will continue this discussion in the coming months.
Yard Sale

to benefit the
Arrowsic Scholarship Fund

June 23rd
9am-noon

At the Arrowsic Town Hall

Drop off items at town hall the morning of the 23rd from 8-9am or bring them to Jeremy Blaiklock’s 443-4630 or Maria Grill’s 442-8152 the week before.
From The School Board

Dear Residents of Arrowsic,

As you may know, the school boards of Union 47 and Bath have been working for over two years on a plan to join together. Our primary goal was to raise the general level of education in the region, and a second major goal was to give the towns of SU47 governance at the Middle and High Schools that most of our children attend (Bath).

Over the last 12 months, a Regional Task Force and then a Transition Team, authorized by U47 and Bath, have worked to find a way for us to merge. On November 6, you will vote on the result of those efforts - LD 910 - in a public referendum that would allow our towns and Bath to form a new kind of region.

At the same time, all school districts in Maine are currently wrestling with the most sweeping change to the State’s education system in the last 100 years, due to a state law - LD 499 - that mandates consolidation from 290 school districts down to 80.

There are many differences between the two forms of regionalization, but the two primary ones are:

• Governance: 910 divides the region into 9 Wards that cut across town boundaries. 499 gives weighted votes to each municipality.
• Funding: 910 apportions the tax burden based on a unique formula that weights Property Value, Population, and Student Population each at 1/3. 499 apportions taxes as they are now, almost entirely based on property value.
• Other differences we will discuss in October include school choice and the assumption of Bath’s school debt.

We have spent hundreds of hours sorting through everything that figures into our decision as a town, and we can tell you for certain that there is a lot of information, a lot of misinformation, and a lot that remains unknown about our future under any scenario. We continue to work on behalf of our children, parents and taxpayers to find the best path to recommend to you, the voter. We will send out a mailing in late October with a formal recommendation.

Please, please, please come to our town information meeting about this subject on October 15 from 6:30-8pm at the Town Hall. Feel free to call us with questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Arrowsic School Committee
Francie Tolan, Tim Harkins, Walter Briggs
From Your Selectmen

Residents will be interested to know that there will be a municipal ballot question at the November 6th election that will ask voters if they favor joining a unit with other communities in the lower Kennebec River area to form a regional school unit. Because School Union 47 and the Bath Board of Education had already been involved with consolidation planning before the state mandated it, we are a little ahead of everyone else with our own special legislation. Please see notes from the School Committee.

The Selectmen were as distressed as many of you to learn that Arrowsic has been omitted from Verizon’s new DSL expansion program. We have contacted Senator Benoit and Representative McDonald to see if they could help us in any way. Through Representative McDonald, we met with some representatives of Pioneer Wireless about the possibility of bringing DSL service to Arrowsic. They will probably be sending out information to residents. Doubtless other options will surface. If you would like to be part of the process to try to effect a change, please put your name on the petition at the Town Hall and posted outside in the kiosk outside. We will keep you posted.

The Town has signed a snow plow contract with Dick Holbrook & Sons of Woolwich. While we realize that it is impossible to keep the roads clean and dry 100% of the time, if there is a situation that warrants attention, you can contact the Holbrook office at 443-5988 (M-F 9am – 1). Evan’s cell is 841-5741. Road Commissioner Jim Stump is 442-7527. Please do not park cars along the side of the roads.

Reminder: If you are applying to the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, please use your NET tax bill amount (i.e. total bill minus abatement).’
**Need a really big steel box?**

With single stream recycling now in Arrowsic, the green recycling container at the Town Hall is no longer needed. The Selectmen would like to sell it and have it removed from the parking area. We have received an offer but would like to open it up to Arrowsic townspeople. If you are interested, please contact Michele Gaillard at 442-7443 or mgaillar@bowdoin.edu.

**From your Town Clerk**

Would whomever borrowed or moved thee town Cemetery Maps from Town Hall please return it to the Town Clerk. Thank you,

Heather Baker  
*Town Clerk*

**Citizens for Squirrel Point**

*Annual Meeting*

Tuesday Oct 23rd, 6:30pm  
Arrowsic Town Hall  
All Welcome

We will update the status of Squirrel Point project and issue elections/ For more information contact: Lee Johnson at arrowsiclee@gwi.net

**Arrowsic History?**

If you have an interesting piece of Arrowsic history or documentation, Peter Goodwin is looking for a speaker or topic for the Town History Series at the Patten Free Library. If you have stories or documents to share, contact him at the Sagadahoc Preservation Room: 443-5141x18 or pgoodwin@patten.lib.me.us

**From the Recycling Committee**

1) Yellow decals for your recycling bins are available in the shed by the town hall, along with many informational handouts about solid waste & recycling issues. The shed is always open.
2) Fluorescent bulbs are becoming very popular and use less energy, but please remember that they are “universal waste” and cannot be placed in with the regular trash. This is true for the compact household bulbs as well as longer tube-style bulbs. Please see universal waste handouts in the shed for further info, which discusses Bath & West Bath drop-off options for these items.

3) Midcoast Hospital is having a medication collection day in November (exact date to be announced soon). This is the proper way to dispose of unneeded or expired medication. Please keep an eye out at our town hall kiosk and/or at the Bath City Hall for a flyer posting the exact date.

4) Consider stopping into the “ReStore” in Bath, across from Amato’s. They sell gently used materials at discounted prices, including hardware, building materials, office furniture, appliances, and many other household goods. They even have car headlight bulbs. They also accept many donated items, subject to approval. They are open to the public Thur.-Sat., and their phone # is 386-5087.

As always, thank you for your continued efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Questions? Please call John Hinds (443-4322), Roz McLean (386-0179), Heather Baker (443-1713), or Liz Ware (443-1490).

FYI – Deadlines for future issues of the Arrow will be 11/26/07, 2/25/08, 5/5/08, 8/26/08. If you would like to submit material please contact me at kennang@hughes.net, 442-8152 or leave materials in the box at Town Hall. Questions and comments are always welcome. Thanks, Maria Grill

Fiddler’s Reach Fog Bell Tower Restoration

If you’ve been on the Kennebec River this summer there is a good chance that you have seen the activity at the bell tower. With an enthusiasm that grows out of true commitment, the Range Light Keepers have replaced the entire bottom portion of the tower. New sills and joists with skillfully crafted joints were shaped to fit by Woolwich timber framer Ed Blaiklock, son of Bill and Noreen. Rotating crews of volunteers performed demolition, rigging, assembly and fastening. With the sub-floor complete, the old 10x10 bell fir beam was carefully extracted from its perch and a new 20-foot long beam was hoisted into position, all by hand. A supplemental stone masonry pier is rising from the ledge below to help support the weight of the 1400-pound bell, now on display at town hall.

The Maine Maritime Museum lighthouse tour boat keeps pace with the progress. We’re very proud of what we’ve accomplished this summer but there is much work yet to be done before the bell can be hung.
A $5,000 grant from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission is in place to aid this project. It is a matching grant so we must raise a like amount from local sources. Please consider a donation to help restore this important piece of Arrowsic history. Now is the time to show your support. The Range Light Keepers are an IRS qualified 501(c)3 public charity for tax deductible donations. The growing list of working volunteers includes: Ed Blaiklock, Herb Hewlett, Art Dresser, Larry Wilson, Peter Goodwin, Don Law, Michele Gaillard, Paul Kalkstein, Mike Kreindler and more to come. Special thanks to Andrea Hanson, Jim Spencer, and Fred and Georgia Downs. View our restoration progress online at www.rlk.org. Reach us at fogdog@rlk.org or Range Light Keepers, 58 Iron Mine Road, Arrowsic 04530.

Halloween Party!
Sunday, October 28th
2-4pm

Join us at Town Hall for games, stories, crafts and goodies. Call Francie Tolan 443-4893 or Maria Grill 442-8152 for more information.

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Election Follow-up:

Municipal Elections

Following the November 6th election which included a municipal vote (school consolidation) in addition to the state referendum, questions were raised regarding who is eligible to vote in municipal elections and under what circumstances. The Selectmen consulted the lawyers at Maine Municipal Association who informed us that only registered voters in the town are qualified to vote on any municipal warrants. It had previously been our understanding that property owners, whether registered to vote in the town or not, were able to vote on municipal questions which involved the expenditure of town funds. Please be aware that in all future elections, including Town Meetings, voters registered in Arrowsic will be allowed to vote. We are sorry for the confusion.

School Regionalization

Please note that due to the passage of LD910 (the bill to regionalize Union 47 towns with Bath), there will be ANOTHER election on January 29th to choose new School Board members for the new region. There will be a formal campaign and ballot process, something quite foreign to Arrowsic. Nomination papers are available for interested candidates at the Union 47 office in West Bath with a deadline of December 17.

The Town has been divided into two districts, one including some of Arrowsic, Woolwich and Bath (District 3) and the other including some of Arrowsic and Bath (District 6). Maps of the new “Regional School Unit #1” are available at Town Hall, the Patten Free Library, the Union 47 office and Bath City Hall.

Until the new school unit takes effect July 1, the Arrowsic School Committee will continue their excellent job of overseeing our educational system here in town.

If you feel it is important to have an Arrowsic representative on the new Board, it is vital that all Arrowsic voters participate in the election on January 29th. Voters can request an absentee ballot if they will not be able to get to Town Hall to vote on Election Day, January 29th.

Honors Garden

A few weeks after Lillian Gowen died, Millie Stafford approached the selectmen with a request for planting a hydrangea bush, on town property, to honor Lillian. Out of this request came the idea of an ‘Honors Garden’. The Selectmen have asked The Properties Committee to lead the effort in creating such a garden between the Town Hall and the
Little Fire Barn  The first planting will be done this coming spring in honor and in memory of Lillian Gowen.

Future plantings will be at the request of individuals who donate a tree or shrub in honor of a friend, family member, or group they wish to honor. One town resident, for example, has offered to donate a shrub in honor of the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department members. Donations of money for maintaining the Garden have also been made.

Ann Ater, Millie Stafford and Betty Wilson are leading this effort and have met with local landscape professional to begin the planning and design of the Garden. Included were Sandy Weiss, John Hinds, Jeremy Blaiklock and Mark Jorgensen. As a result of the meeting, Mark donated his and his company’s time and talent cleaning up brush, moving rocks, leveling ground and seeding both on the front corner land, as well as around and behind Town Hall.

Those who are interested in helping with the this exciting project and want to volunteer, for maintenance, such as watering, weeding, planting and/or making a money donation for maintaining the Garden, or when you are ready to donate a plant in honor of a friend, family member or group, see or call Ann, Millie, Betty or any selectmen. Ann Ater 443-1519, Millie Stafford 443-5832, Betty Wilson 443-6970, Larry Wilson 443-6970, Sukey Heard 443-6768, Michele Gillard 442-7443

News from the Solid Waste Committee

The committee is analyzing data regarding the effect of single stream recycling and will present a summary to residents as this information becomes available. Please reduce, reuse, recycle – A few things to remember: 1) Single stream recycle: Don’t put recyclables out in plastic bags; plastic bags are not allowed in single stream. 2) Look for codes on broken plastic housewares, tools, toys, clean pots, etc. Separate the coded plastic from metals, wood, and other impurities; then place plastic parts in single stream. Ask for help with disassembly if you need it. 3) Recycle- Identify the recyclables which don’t go in single stream and set them aside to recycle properly instead of putting them in trash. (One example- larger metal objects). See the guide referred to below for more examples. 4) Reduce- Buy durable products rather than disposable or flimsy ones. 5) Find new safe ways to reuse products and parts. If you cannot reuse a specific item, perhaps you know someone who can. Donate unwanted items to swap barns, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc. 6) Household hazardous waste: Try non toxic methods before buying toxic products. To minimize HHW, go in on purchase with friends, use up leftovers when appropriate, and offer leftovers to friends for appropriate use. Please remember that the new energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs contain mercury; put them with other universal waste and take them to West Bath drop off or Bath landfill. The city of Bath published a helpful, comprehensive solid waste guide in September. Look for excerpts in Arrowsic recycling shed or go to www.cityofbath.com and find solid waste in department of public works section of city government. Guide is
From The Arrowsic School Board

In the wake of our referendum on school consolidation, we thought it would be helpful to inform you about the implications of LD910 for our community.

_Governance_

By affirming LD910, the towns of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich will now form RSU#1 (Regional School Unit #1), and we will elect representatives to a Board on January 29, 2008. Arrowsic is a part of 2 districts, so we could have 2, 1, or 0 Arrowsic residents on the RSU board. Currently, Francie Tolan (District 3) and Tim Harkins (District 6) have taken out papers to run for the board.

The Arrowsic School Board and the U47 Joint Board continue to carry out their duties until the transition to the RSU takes place on July 1, 2008.

_School Choice_

All residents of the RSU now enjoy school choice within the RSU. This means that families living in Arrowsic will be able to send their children to any school located in the municipalities that are part of RSU#1. If space is an issue at any school, first priority goes to residents of that municipality, and second to Arrowsic students. With declining enrollment region-wide, it’s unlikely that space will come into play in the foreseeable future.

Children who are currently attending schools outside the region will continue to be able to attend those schools, as will their siblings. The tuitioning arrangement for schools outside the region will remain the same, although the portion that is currently funded by Arrowsic will now be the responsibility of the RSU.

Georgetown did not approve LD910, so they are not part of the new RSU. As with any other school outside the RSU, only children who currently attend Georgetown Central School and their siblings may continue to go there at RSU#1’s expense.

_School Budget_

A budget will now be determined for the entire region by the RSU board and approved by a region-wide referendum. Arrowsic’s portion of the budget will be based on three factors: 1/3 Property Valuation, 1/3 Pupil Count, and 1/3 Population.

As we get more information we will do our best to report back to the community. Any questions you may have, whether general or specific to your children, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Francie Tolan (Chair) 443-4893, Walter Briggs 443-3285, Tim Harkins 442-8134
Georgetown Central School

It’s hard to believe that winter is here already! Unlike last year, we have lots of snow to play in at recess. Drive by any day and you’ll surely hear the screams of delight as children sled down the hill out back!

Thank you to Bob and Sharon Trabona for donating the Kousa Dogwood that stands where the birches used to in the garden by the town office doors.’ All of our birch trees had to be removed because of birch bores and we had been debating what type of trees to replace them with. The Dogwood has settled in nicely and we know it’s going to grow into a beautiful tree!

On November 9th we held a Veteran’s Day assembly to honor those who have served our country. Mike Frelk from the Smith-Tobey Post in Bath joined us and spoke to the students about the Healing Fields project in Bath. I hope you got to see the flags that weekend; it was a spectacular sight.

A chess club got started in November, thanks to the interest of Hal Bonner. With David Guise helping out, Hal improved the chess skills of 8-10 students each week. A tournament will be held at the Patten Free Library in mid-December.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on November 16th. Kitchen chef Sandi Clark did a wonderful job as always!

You might have noticed a new state flag flying out in front of the school. Mrs. Irving’s fifth grade class wrote to Representative Bruce McDonald and asked him if he could donate a new flag to the school because ours was in poor condition. Representative McDonald was happy to help and we were very grateful!

Many thanks to Nancy Barney, Sarah Kulis, and Lisa Crosby for helping us when our Librarian Megan Fuller left us earlier than we expected for her maternity leave. Without Nancy’s help and the work of many parent volunteers, I don’t know that we could have managed the Scholastic Book Fair or the many books that needed to be reshelved!

We welcomed six preschoolers and their parents to school on November 29th for our first Teamwork for Kids night. This monthly activity helps four-year-olds get used to our staff and the school through music, songs, dance, and art activities.

I hope many of you stopped by on the evening of November 30th for a spaghetti supper and dessert auction. Proceeds benefited our sixth grade class who will be canoeing the West Branch of the Penobscot River this spring. Many thanks to the people who helped with the cooking, donated desserts, and helped with the cleaning up. Combined with the summer-fall bottle collections around town, they have now reached their fund raising goal.

As the calendar year draws to a close, I’d like to express our gratitude to the many community members who help us throughout the year. Sometime the help is evident, such as a donated tree or an after school activity. Sometimes the help is more private, such as donated boots for students who do not have a pair, or the money to rent a musical instrument for a needy child who wants to learn. No matter what it is that kids need, someone always comes through for them. For that, we are deeply grateful.

There’s never a dull moment around here. Stop by any time!
FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I would like to add a huge thank you to our generous community members that helped us help 13 families for Thanksgiving as well as made the holidays a little brighter this season. A special thanks to the Community Center and Georgetown Recreation Committee for donating toys to families in need.

We are starting archery in January and fishing in February, with a fishing derby to be held on February 15th.

Committee Members Needed

There are or will soon be three vacancies among our town committees that we would appreciate if you would consider as a service to the Town. The Planning Board which meets once a month on the first Monday is in need of an alternate member. The Properties Committee is in need of two new members and meets once a month on the third Tuesday.

The Planning Board alternate is a “bull pen” position that provides an opportunity to learn the purpose, procedures and actions of the Board to be prepared to move up when there is a regular member vacancy. An alternate member attends all meetings and is allowed to vote if there aren’t sufficient regular members for a quorum. Please consider helping our town remain a very desirable place to live by volunteering for this important position. Call Roger Heard at 443-6768 if you are interested.

The Properties Committee has the responsibility of maintaining our town buildings and grounds. This committee is responsible for projects like our recent ADA compliance construction, painting contracts, cleaning town hall, small repairs and construction projects, maintenance of furnaces and generators and now the Honors Garden (see “Honors Garden” article).

Present Properties Committee members are Bob and Ann Ater, Millie and George Stafford, Betty Wilson and Doug Ware. Bob and Ann have decided to leave the board this coming June after many years of service. To volunteer, or for more information call any of the Selectmen.

Arrowsic Alewife Restoration Project - Update

The Arrowsic Alewife Restoration Project was initiated during the fall of 2006. Residents in cooperation with several state and federal groups are working toward restoring the Arrowsic alewife run to its historic level. A summary of the project was given at the Town meeting. This is a brief summary of what has happened since.

From the end of April until the end of May, twelve volunteers sampled the in-migrating alewives. See figure for the results. Last summer several volunteers sampled Sewall Pond for zooplankton (microscopic crustaceans that juvenile alewives feed on) and water chemistry. This past September the same enthusiastic group of volunteers
that sampled adult in-migrating alewives sampled the out going juveniles.

Since the project began fall of 2006 several funding sources (Maine Corporate Wetlands Partnership, US fish and Wildlife and Fish America Foundation) have stepped up in support of the project. Woodlot Alternatives Inc. was hired to do a hydrologic survey and design for improved fish passage. Late September members of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Select Board meet with representatives of the Department of Marine Resources, US Fish and Wildlife, Army Corp. of Engineers, Natural Resource Conservation Districts, Department of Environmental Protection and Woodlot Alternatives to the review the project and gather the collective expertise of all these individuals. It was determined that Arrowsic residents and the co-habitating critters would be better served to include a mammal passage under Route 127 better as well. At this point the study for a box culvert with internal fish weirs and natural substrate culverts is being done.

There is a poster in the Town Hall for anyone who would like to learn more about the project. Anyone who would like to volunteer for sampling fish, zooplankton or water chemistry, please call 442-7533. It is very fun and you will get to learn more about fish and your town.

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Memories of the Arrowsic Schoolhouse 1917-1925

On August 6, 2007, Roy Ibra Lawrence was interviewed by Laurie Mann on behalf of the
Arrowsic Historical Society  concerning his memories of attending the primary school in Arrowsic. A complete transcript of the interview is available from Millie Stafford or the Sagadahoc History room at the Patten Free Library.

Roy Ibra Lawrence is the 2nd of seven children born to Grace and Ibra Lawrence. He was born at home on the Old Stage Road (located about 1 mile south from Town Hall, on the right), on March 25, 1912.

At age five Roy and his sister Mary age 6 started school together so as to keep each other company on the one mile walk to school. Generally, it was a quiet, uneventful walk unless one of the Crosby brothers - who each owned a big touring car - drove by and offered them a ride.

Roy was 9 or ten years old when Maude Heyward the teacher gave Roy a job of starting the fires and sweeping the floor one hour before that start of school; for this he was paid 50 cents a week. The teacher tended the cast iron stove all day. Maude Heyward was from Woolwich and lived with her sister, Mrs. Charles Crosby, at the end of the Mill Island Road. She walked to and from school.

There were daily chores to do before leaving home for school: filling the wood box for his mother’s cookstove and filling two 12 gallon pails at the well for her use during the day.

There were generally 28-30 students at school. The typical day would begin at 9am for the students with the teacher ringing a hand bell to call the children in. They’d line up by size, file in, hang coats in the entry and proceed to their desks - youngest in the front row, oldest in the back.

Reading, spelling and arithmetic were studied each day, with history and geography for the eighth graders. One grade would come forward, sit in the front row for instruction or stand for recitation or use the blackboard. Boys and girls were treated equally. The other children would work at their desks with books, pencils and paper supplied by the school.

The Lawrences usually bought sandwiches for lunch in handy 5 pound lard pails. Recess was informal, there was no equipment or teacher-organized games. The pond behind the school was a play area in the winter when it froze. School ended at 4pm. There was no homework because most children had chores to do after walking home.

Roy went on the Morse High School, for which he felt the Arrowsic School had prepared him well. His trek into Bath for which he was allowed one and one half hours time) took him over the wooden toll bridge from Arrowsic to Woolwich and over the Kennebec River on a Maine State Ferry. From his house, it was three and one half miles to the ferry landing in Woolwich. In 1928, the Carlton Bridge replaced the ferry, but most preferred the warm ferry ride as compared to the cold walk over the Carlton Bridge.

Roy graduated from Morse High School in 1929. Both he and his sister Doris graduated from the University of Maine in 1935. Mr. Lawrence lives in Brunswick.
From The Town Clerk

2008 Dog tags have arrived. Residents may come in to re-register their dogs. Residents with dogs six month or older, who are new to town or have a new pet can also license their pet. The old tag and renewal sticker system has been replaced with just tags (in the shape of the state of ME). Dogs will get a new tag, different color each year. Fees for neutered/spayed dogs have stayed the same. Male/female dogs are $11. Please provide proof of rabies vaccination if we do not have a current one on file.

• Migratory waterfowl regulations have arrived.

• 2008/2009 Ice fishing regulations, effective 2007-3/31/08, are available at Town Hall.

• Change in snowmobile regulations: Snowmobile permanent registration numbers will no longer be required on snowmobiles and therefore will no longer be issued to snowmobile registrants. Instead the state is moving to sticker only system. All snowmobile registrations (even brand new ones) will receive permanent registration stickers. The registration you receive from the town will be the only one you will get. There will be nothing else from the department.

File of Life

The File of Life provides critical medical data when an individual is unable to do so. The File of Life form, which lists medications, medical conditions, and contacts is folded into a red plastic pocket with a magnet on it so it can be posted on an individuals refrigerator. In an emergency a first responder need only retrieve the file to be able to access existing medical needs. The form contains sufficient information to allow hospitals to access medical records without compromising any personal information. For more information call SpectrumLink 1-800-639-1553.

Arrowsic Trash & Recycling
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Democratic Caucuses
February 10 at 1pm
Town Hall
News From the Arrowsic School Committee/RSU 1 School Board

On April 9, 2008 at 6:00 at Town Hall the Arrowsic School Committee and members of the School Board of the Lower Kennebec Region School Unit (RSU #1) will present the first budget of our consolidated school district. The budget for the entire RSU will be presented with particular attention to Arrowsic's portion of the budget. Please plan to attend this meeting to give feedback to the board and to learn about the state's new budget validation process.

On April 15th at 6:00, the RSU #1 School Board will hold its formal, regularly scheduled meeting at Arrowsic Town Hall. The School Board is planning to rotate its regularly scheduled meetings in each of the towns of the RSU. All School Board meetings are open to the public, so please feel free to attend the RSU #1 School Board regular meetings to hear about the business of the new school unit and to bring any comments or concerns to the board.

As a reminder, after June 30, 2008 the Arrowsic School Committee will be dissolved and the town's educational business will be the responsibility of RSU#1. Two Arrowsic residents, Tim Harkins and Francie Tolan, are elected representatives on the RSU#1 School Board. Please contact them with any questions or concerns regarding school matters.

Honors Garden

The properties committee is thinking spring! We envision the town’s Rhododendron and Lilac bush in bloom, green grass and trees in leaf. Now we’re ready to think about honoring Lillian Gowen with a Hydrangea in her memory. We would like others in town to buy a shrub, maybe a Rhode to plant in honor of someone, or a donation of material such as top soil, mulch or compost. We would like your help with design, planting, watering, pruning and other maintenance work. Call us with your ideas, to volunteer or donate material: The Properties Sub Committee, Millie Stafford 443-5832, Ann Ater 443-1519, Betty Wilson 443-6970.

Chewonki Foundation Signs 15 Year License for Squirrel Point

The Chewonki Foundation manages 1,200 acres of land in Maine for conservation and education purposes, and offers a broad array of environmental education, natural history, conservation and wilderness programs. Scores of Arrowsic residents and others have in various ways worked towards the preservation of Squirrel Point. In February 2005, federal Judge D. Brock Hornby ruled in favor of Citizens for Squirrel Point and ordered Squirrel Point’s deed reverted to the Coast Guard. Although the Coast Guard had intended to re-award the deed through the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act to a qualified nonprofit organization selected by the National Parks Service, discovery of lead contamination from old batteries stored on the property prevented an immediate re-
At its 2007 membership (continued on page 5)

The Arrow bic Volunteer Fire Department

On the snowy Saturday morning of February 23, members of the Georgetown and Arrow bic Volunteer Fire Departments donned orange immersion suits and broke through the ice at Nequasset stream to practice cold-water rescue techniques. Training sessions take place once a month. Volunteer Geoff Cartmell moved to Arrow bic a couple of years ago. “I didn’t know quite what I could really do,” he said. “But they’ve had extensive training for us with Woolwich and Bath and Georgetown. We’ve got a great bunch of volunteers, doing the best they can with the limited equipment that we have. The best thing about it is people are ready to jump in and help.” Other recent sessions have focused on CPR/first aid, pump training, and forest fires.

The AVFD responded to about forty calls in 2007. One of them came from Bart Chapin’s cellphone. On the last day of November a half mile down the trail to Squirrel Point, Bart and Lucy’s young border collie, temporarily blinded by their flashlights, ran straight into Lucy, breaking Lucy’s leg in several places. Chris Carlton, Geoff Cartmell, Jeremy Blaiklock, Roger and Sukey Heard, Lenny LeBrun, and Chris Cummings and the Bath ambulance crew responded to the 911 call. “It was really reassuring to have your neighbors show up,” Lucy Hull says. “And it was amazing – they were there in fifteen minutes. Everyone was very
competent and professional. My leg had to be splinted and they put me on a stretcher to carry me back down the trail. The AVFD is a wonderful expression of community in Arrowsic and I am very grateful to them.”

With nine calls in January and three in February, 2008 has been busy so far. Most calls in town are for medical emergencies, car accidents, woods fires and chimney fires. Arrowsic has also received a level of recognition for supplying regional mutual aid. In addition to taking the pumper truck to surrounding communities to shuttle for water supply, Arrowsic’s mini-pumper is able to get into narrow access points that have a water source, and Arrowsic’s brush truck can supply equipment for twenty-five people to fight a woods fire. The smaller trucks can also be used to control traffic at accident sites – one of the most dangerous aspects of emergency response.

In exchange, Arrowsic relies on receiving aid from neighboring fire departments for major fires and structural fire response, which it is not equipped to handle.

“I volunteered so I could do something for the community,” Lenny LeBrun says. “My kids are grown up, so I had the time. It’s interesting and rewarding. There’s a sense of camaraderie in an organization like this. I’m on the BIW fire brigade, too, so I had some training already. And volunteering for mutual aid helps keep the tax base down – if we didn’t have it we’d have to pay for service.”

In 2007 the brush truck barn was finished with sheetrock, paint and heat. Fire Chief Chris Cummings has been active as well in obtaining grant funding for AVFD equipment needs. This year the Department received funding for two-thirds of the cost of a new infrared camera, defibrillator, and turnout gear, which can run to $2,500 per outfit. The AVFD has developed a ten year plan for replacing equipment: the next major equipment need is a new mini-pumper. Chief Cummings hopes to obtain ninety-five percent of the cost of a new mini through grants. Arrowsic acquired the existing mini in 1987.

Current active members of the AVFD are: Chris Cummings, Chief; Dale Carlton, Deputy Chief; Jeremy Blaklock, Chris Carlton, Geoffrey Cartmell, Ruth Fatscher, Roger Heard, Sukey Heard, John Hinds, Mike Kreindler, Lenny LeBrun, Will Neilson, and Nancy Sferra. Chief Cummings says, “We can always use volunteers. Contact anyone in the department.”

“Of all the town committees to get involved in, the Fire Department is about taking action,” Mike Kreindler adds. “You get the call, everybody comes together, you head out with a truck full of equipment, sometimes in the dark, and you never know quite what it’ll be, but you deal with it. You can count on each other. It’s satisfying.”

- Submitted by Lee Johnson for the AVFD

From the Road Commission:

As we are all acutely aware, this winter is the most challenging in regard to the roads that we have seen in many years. The Road Commission urges all drivers to be particularly cautious because road conditions, i.e. snow, ice, broken pavement, heaving, road sand/gravel, etc, is widespread and unavoidable. For the safety of all and to minimize the likelihood of damage to your vehicle, please drive carefully and slowly.

As usual, the Road Commission will be posting the Town roads soon, likely within the next month. Please plan all home projects accordingly; heavy vehicle traffic will be limited. When the posting will be lifted is always unpredictable, but will not likely happen until May.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Stump at 442-7527.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Scheduled:

Please store your HHW (chemicals, old fuel, oil-based paints, etc.) until the next collection event, which will be on May 10, 2008. You are encouraged to consolidate loads, given that the town will pay for disposal “by the container.” For example, 3 cans of oil-based paint with 1 inch in the bottom of each are counted as if they are 3 full cans, so it helps if you combine partial cans into one to minimize the total number. HOWEVER, DO NOT MIX
DIFFERENT CHEMICALS TOGETHER. Pre-registration is required by calling the Bath Landfill (443-8356 or 443-8357) starting April 21. When you call, please have information ready about roughly what kind and amount of HHW you have. It is wise to call early, as there is limited space available, and we operate on a first call, first served basis. For more information, please visit the small white shed by the town hall and look inside for handouts about HHW. The shed is always unlocked.

Finally, we would like to recognize the passing of Hal Bonner. Hal gave a great deal to our school through Mushroom Walks, Chess clubs, and lots of science activities. We will miss him.

Routine Cleaning of Town Hall

The Selectmen are looking for someone interested in vacuuming the town hall floors, cleaning the rest room and taking the trash out for curbside pickup.

The time commitment would be 1-2 hours per week for the cleaning and trash to curbside, every Friday during the summer months and biweekly during the winter months.

Presently this is a volunteer position with no pay but a great amount of thanks. Interested parties should contact any selectmen or let our town clerk know of your interest.

All Terrain Vehicles

There have been several inquiries regarding the operation of ATVs on sensitive land in Arrowsic.

The Maine ATV Law, 3157A, article 27 establishes the areas where the operation of an ATV is prohibited:

1) on a salt marsh, intertidal zone, marine sand beach, sand dune or any cemetery, burial place or burying ground,
2) when the ground is not frozen and sufficiently covered with snow to prevent direct damage to the vegetation:
   a) on alpine tundra,
   b) on a freshwater marsh or bog, river, brook, stream, great pond, non-forested wetland or vernal pool; or
   c) in a source water protection area.

Arrowsic also has a town ordinance addressing the operation of an ATV. Both the town ordinance and the State of Maine ATV Laws and Rules are available at Town Hall.

Georgetown Central School

February/March 2008

The New Year started with some new additions to our school family. In late December our kitchen manager Sandi Clark welcomed her first grandchild, Sabra Megan Lorrimer. Then in early January our librarian Megan Fuller gave birth to Avery Elizabeth.

We are very proud of our 6th grade math team for placing third at the Southern Maine math meet in January. Congratulations to Paige Martin and Emma Cota who tied for second place in the individual competition.

While we’re offering congratulations to students for our achievements, we need to recognize Emma Cota who won our school Geography Bee, Nathaniel Geoffrion and Katie Goodspeed who will be going to the Honors Band Festival this month, Oliver Kruze and Emma Cota who are going to the Lincoln/Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee, and Hannah Maloy who won the Times Record art contest.

Archery and Ice Fishing got started this month. Our boat builders continue to work on their Ansel skiff every Wednesday afternoon, thanks to Wil Ansel and Bob Trabona.

Children’s Stage Adventures arrived in mid-February for a week-long theater residency. I hope you were able to see our performance of “The Princess and The Pea”!
Opening For Arrowsic Town Clerk Position

This is a call for anyone interested in serving Arrowsic as town clerk. Heather Baker will not be a candidate for the upcoming year as she and husband Ken will be leaving this summer for an extended cruise on their sailboat.

The position pays $3,000 per year. The time commitment is each Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Friday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and every 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month as secretary for the Selectmen’s meetings. The Town Clerk has additional responsibilities during town, state and federal elections.

Please consider making this important contribution to the operation of our town. Interested parties should talk with Heather for more details and job description material.

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(Squirrel Point, continued from page 1)

meeting, Citizens for Squirrel Point enthusiastically and unanimously voted to endorse Chewonki’s license application and to support Chewonki’s stewardship of the Light in a ‘friends of’ capacity. The fifteen year licensing agreement from the Coast Guard gives the Chewonki Foundation all rights to use and restore the property, and at the same time gives Chewonki a considerable period to determine whether ultimately owning the property will be a good fit with their programming as well as a sustainable financial obligation.

Through the spring, Chewonki, CSP, any and all other volunteers will be scoping what needs to get done in terms of remediation, restoration and maintenance of the property, and beginning to develop an agenda for future projects, programs, and events. It’s fairly safe to anticipate there will be some community events occurring at the Light as the weather gets finer; in addition that help will be welcome with event planning, collection and archival of Squirrel Point history, development of a website, fund-raising, skilled and unskilled manual labor (carpentry, brush-hauling, mowing, equipment transport, painting, etc, etc).

If you would like to be kept abreast of activities at the Light and are not already on CSP’s email list, send your email address (also please update if you are already a CSP member but your email address has changed!) to arrowsiclee@gwi.net.

Donations towards Squirrel Point restoration and projects can be sent either to CSP c/o Brian Detwiler, 50 Island Hill Road, or directly to Chewonki (see www.chewonki.org). Both organizations are 501(c)3 nonprofits and contributions are tax-deductible. This year’s CSP Board is: Lee Johnson, President; Fred Kahrl, Vice President; Wiebke Theodore, Secretary; Brian Detwiler, Treasurer; Charlotte Brown, Susan Lubner, and Nancy Sferra. Squirrel Point’s grounds remain open to the public, and the hike is a little less than a mile, accessible from the trailhead at the far end of Bald Head Road.
Car Registrations

February
Ater, R.
Ater, R.
Baker, D.
Baker, K.
Baker, K.
Bassett, K.
Bassett, K.
Beuttell, J.
Biehler, J.
Blake, L.
Briggs ADV
Brooks, D.
Brooks, D.
Brooks, D.
Bryant, B.
Bryant, D.
Carlton, D.
Collier, S.
Crabtree, K.
Elwell, N.
Emerson, R.
Giles, S. (3)
Goodwin, P.
Hinds, J. (2)
Holley, L.
Jewett, D.
Jorgensen, M. (3)
Jorgensen
Levesque, R.
Macleod, J. (2)
Maley, K.
Mount, P.
Nodine, A.
Packard, P.
Paradis, R.
Pelletier, R.
Pinette, James
Pinette, Jeffery
Puff, D.
Rhythmic Cable
Root, D.
Ross, B.
Ross, W.
Santerre R. (2)
Schlien, P.
Scott, N.
Shover, E.
Starbird, R.
Stoebe, J.
Stoebe, S.
Swearington, R.
Swearington, R.
Tarbox, C.
Therodore, S.
Thomas, K.
Thomas, R.
Walsh, T.
March
Ames, H.
Ater, R.
Bassett, D.
Buchard, H.
Bryant, D.
Burke, J.
Davis, N.
Dunn, F.
Dunn, F.
Elwell, K.
Forrest, R.
Heard, R.
Johnson, R.
Jones, Jody
Jorgensen, M.
Robbins Const.
King, C.
King, S.
Knowles, E.
Law, D.
Lebrun, J.
Lubner, S.
Lyden, D.
Macmahan, J.
McDonald, F.
McGowan, B.
Nelson, R.
Oneil, D.
Oneil, D.
Packard, P. (2)
Page, R.
Pinette, James
Rhythmic Cable (3)
Schlien, P.
Starbird, J.
Stone, J.
Stuart, S.
Sullivan, M.
Sullivan, T.
Thomas, R.
Tolan, J. (2)
Walker, S.
Warner, J.
Yeaton, G.
April
Barnes, D.
Bejna, A.
Beveridge, R.
Blaklock, J. (2)
Blaklock, Q.
Brett, J.
Brown, L.
Bryant, D.
Carlton, J.
Caton, R.
Coleman, G.
DL Peterson Trust
Dunn, D.
Dunn, F.
Dunn, S.
Elwell, M.
Fitzherbert, D.
Giles, S.
Gukenburg, G.
Gukenburg, M.
Gunston, K.
Huene, A.
Jones, J.
Jorgensen
Land. (3)
Kingsbury, B.
Kurrus, C.
Levesque, R. (3)
Macmahan, J.
Martin, A.
Mcluer, J.
Neilson, W.
Orr, E.
Packard, N.
Ron Elwell
Plumb.
Shaw, J.
Shover, E.
Stone, J.
Stuart, S.
Sullivan, T.
Theodore, S.
Warner, J.
Wilson, E.
Wood, J.

Annual
Roadside Cleanup

Sponsored by the Arrowsic Conservation Commission

Saturday, May 10th,
9:30 to noon or thereabouts
Raindate: Sunday May 11th
(Mother’s Day!
Do what your Mom
says and clean up your mess!)

Arrowsic Arrow
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530
Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
**From the Selectmen:**

**Town Meeting:** This year’s Town Meeting will be held on June 11, at 6:30 at the Georgetown Central School. Please remember to bring your Annual Report with you.

**Town Clerk:** At this writing, we still need a replacement Town Clerk. Heather is leaving on June 15th, and we need someone in her place right after Town Meeting. Please contact a Selectman to apply or with candidate suggestions.

**Committee positions available:** There are committee vacancies that need to be filled.

Property Management Committee will be down 2 members when Bob and Ann Ater retire this month. Also the Zoning Board of Appeals will need another member. Call the committee chair to see if either committee would be a good match for your talents.

**From Your School Committee**

As you may have noticed, there are no articles on this year’s Town Meeting warrant for funding of education. Since we are now part of Regional School Unit #1 the budget approval process is now a two tiered process, which is outlined below.

**Regional Budget "Town Meeting"**

This is similar to a Town Meeting where a Moderator is elected and registered voters get a chance to speak on the warrant articles and then vote by hand using a colored index card. The difference with this “Regional Town Meeting” is that voters from all the RSU Municipalities (Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich, Bath, and Arrowsic) will meet as a group and vote only on school budget articles.

This year’s Regional Town Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2nd at the Bath Middle School. Each municipality will have a registration table set up – so you will need to locate the one for Arrowsic to sign in and get your index card and written ballot. Please arrive early to register because the Regional Town Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and you should be seated and ready to go at that time.

**Secret Ballot Referendum Vote**

This is a vote at the polls to approve (validate) the action taken at the Regional Town Meeting. The ballot will read:

**Do you favor approving the Lower Kennebec River Regional School Unit (RSU #1) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest regional school unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?**

- A “YES” vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-12 public education.
- A “NO” vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-12 public education.

Basically a “Yes” vote (total votes counted from all the municipalities) approves the budget agreed upon at the Regional Town Meeting, and a “No” vote does not approve it. If the validation vote fails then the entire budget process starts all over again. (This involves having the RSU #1 approve a new budget, another public meeting, followed by the budget validation referendum vote).

This year’s Secret Ballot Referendum Vote will take place at the Arrowsic Town Hall during the State Primary/Referendum Elections on **Tuesday, June 10th.** Absentee Ballots for this RSU Budget vote will not be available until Tuesday, June 3rd (because the vote has to take place after the Regional Town Meeting on June 2nd).

**Please participate**
Notice From the Registrar

The primary election is just around the corner:
The date: Tuesday June 10, 2008 at the Arrowsic Town Hall polls will open at 10am and close at 8pm. Copy of the ballot will be posted at the Town Hall for you to view.

If you are currently not enrolled in any party, you may enroll at any time, including Election Day, by completing and filing an enrollment application with your town registrar or clerk.

To change enrollment from one party to another, you must file an application by Friday May 23, 2008 in order to vote in the new party for the June Primary.

Early Voting Information:

For voters wishing to cast their ballot early, simply go to town hall and request an absentee ballot, which you can cast right there at the town office. Absentee ballots are accepted until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Any questions can be addressed by calling the registrar at 443-4978 or calling Heather Baker the town clerk at 443-4609.

On the State ballot, you may vote for only one candidate for each race. This can be a person whose name is listed on the ballot or someone you choose to write in. If you vote for more than one person for any race, that is called an overvote. An overvote will not count. The votes you marked for other races will still count if you marked them correctly. If you make and overvote or other mistake, ask the clerk for a new ballot. The clerk will write “Spoiled” on the first ballot, and give you a new one to fill out.

IMPORTANT: As soon as you put you ballot in the ballot box, you have voted, and it is too late to get a new ballot.

Your Rights to Vote In Maine

To be eligible to vote in Maine, you must meet the following requirements:
• Be 18 years old
• Be a United States citizen
• Be a resident of the municipality in which you want to vote

Voter Rights
• If you are registered to vote in Maine you can

• If you are not registered in Maine, you can register on Election Day and you can vote.
• You cannot be turned away from the poll. You must be allowed to vote a challenged ballot. See State Title 21-A, Sections 121, 161 and 673
• If you do not have identification, you can vote.
• If you are in line at the time that the polls close, you can register and vote.
• If you make a mistake, you can get a replacement ballot.
• If you are visually impaired, physically disabled or unable to read or write, you can be assisted.
• You may see a sample ballot and receive instructions on voting procedures.
• You may not be harassed when voting or be influenced on how to vote.
• If you have any problems, or you are denied the right to vote, call the Election Division immediately at 207-624-7650.

These rights are posted at each election held at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

Information for voters Casting a Challenged Ballot in Maine

Prepared by the Office of the Secretary of State, November 6, 2007:
• If your eligibility to vote in this election has been challenged, you still have the right to cast a ballot.
• Your challenged ballot will be counted in the same manner as all other ballots on Election Night.
• Before you mark your ballot and deposit it into the ballot box or tabulating machine, it will have been marked by the election warden with a secret number, so that it may be identified as a challenged ballot in the event of a recount.
• If a recount is requested at this election and there are enough challenged ballots to affect the outcome of the election, than the challenged
ballots will be segregated, and the basis for each challenge may be determined by the appropriate authority designated by statute or by state or federal constitution. Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee in Jefferson.

To learn whether a recount is being conducted, and whether any challenged ballots are being reviewed, you may visit the Secretary of State’s website at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/hava

If you have any question regarding the challenged ballot process or your voting rights, you may call the Division of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State 624-7650.

Notice From Your Health Officer

A new public health information center is available at town hall. There are helpful and informative pamphlets on nutrition, health care providers, preparing for pandemic flu, smoking cessation, Healthy Maine Walks and more. Please stop by during office hours and check it out.

Georgetown Central School
April 2008

We’ve been busy this winter! If you read the Times Record lately, you know that Mr. Kovacs’ third graders have composted over 800 pounds of cafeteria waste this winter! Their next project is to collaborate with the Leadership Club to build (or buy?) a greenhouse where we hope to plant vegetables and herbs.

Our 4th graders were in the Times Record in mid-February when they dissected squid. Students and their families were then treated to fried calamari and scallops cooked by Chef Troy Maines from the Robinhood Meetinghouse.

Our Math Team traveled to Portland last month for their second math meet of the year. Nathaniel Geoffrion placed first in the individual competition, with Paige Martin close behind him in 4th place, and Emma Cota in fifth! The 6th grade team placed 2nd in the overall competition.

Congratulations to our own David Knauber for being named Georgetown Citizen of the Year! We appreciate all that David does for us here at school. After being rescheduled twice due to snow, Emma Cota finally made it to the Lincoln/Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee in Jefferson. Emma did a great job, but first place went to former GT student Clare Tolan. Emma was also the winner of our school level National Geographic Bee and competed at the state level last week. The Bath Elks honored three of our fifth graders for their essays entitled, “What It Means To Be An American”. Alec Beveridge won first prize, Devon Bryan won second, and Samantha Moore won third prize. After two snow day cancellations, Nathaniel Geoffrion and Katie Goodspeed finally made it to the District III Honors Band Festival in Lisbon on Saturday March 15th.

Monday, March 3rd, was Read Across America day. Many thanks to our community readers: Kristin Malin, Ellen Grant, Starkey Steuernagle, Barbara West, Don Cowing, Emily Herman, and Megan Fuller. We enjoyed a fun activity sponsored by the PTF that afternoon in the library and got to choose two free books from RIF.

The 2008 boat builders, Katie Goodspeed, Kevin Thibodeau, Kevin Tolan, Samantha Moore, Bronwyn Morissette, and Hannah Maloy, have finished their Ansel skiff and will be raffling it off during the Working League Fair in August. We are so grateful to Wil Ansel and Bob Trabona for giving our students this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our students are now working with their teacher, Mrs. Irving, to write an article about their experience for “Wooden Boat Magazine.”

Yard Sale
to benefit the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund

Saturday June 14
9am – Noon
At the Arrowsic Town Hall
You're invited!

Squirrel Point Light Clean up

When: Saturday, May 31, 9:30 to Noon or thereabouts
(Rain date: Saturday, June 7, same and place)
Where: Squirrel Point Light (park at end of Bald Head Road – please leave turn around space...)
What: Grounds clean up

We'll be cutting back the overgrown sumac, taking down the wooden framing around the old deck and septic tank, and getting a start on clearing up the trash and maybe some small repairs to make the buildings weather tight.

BYO water, work gloves, handsaws and/or clippers (for the sumac). If everyone also brings one trash bag, we can all haul at least one bag of trash back with us down the trail. You may want to bring a picnic lunch as well.

Hope to see you there!

Arrowsic Arrow
340 Arrowsic Road
Arrowsic, ME 04530

Dates to remember:

June 2: Regional School Unit #1 Budget Town Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Bath Middle School.
June 10: State election and RSU Budget validation, 10am-8pm Arrowsic Town Hall.
June 11: Arrowsic Town Meeting, 6:30, Georgetown Central School.
Resident
HC 33
Arrowsic, ME 04530
From the Selectmen:

Committee Members Needed (Please Read)

We know that everyone is busy and it may seem like there’s no time to volunteer on town committees but our town is a great place precisely because volunteers have stepped forward to serve. There’s no question that it is getting harder to find people thus our committees are often shorthanded which puts pressure on those who do volunteer. Please consider helping fill the following needs:

Two members are needed for the Arrowsic Properties Committee: The Properties Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month and is responsible for maintaining the town’s buildings and grounds. We are looking for individuals with abilities to help with routine building maintenance such as replacing light bulbs, putting up storm windows and screens, un-sticking stuck doors, maintaining sand for sanding walkways and other activities that keep our grounds and buildings in good repair. The committee also advises the Selectmen on major building repairs and grounds maintenance.

An alternate member is needed for the Zoning Board of Appeals: The ZBA performs the same function as an appeals court judge, deciding thorny questions in accordance with our local ordinances. The board meets only when a case comes up but then may meet several times to decide the issue. In recent years there have luckily only been a few cases but a full board must be available at all times.

As mentioned at the town meeting in June, additional members are also needed on the Shellfish Committee and the Road Commission. Please contact Jon Hentz for information about the Shellfish Committee or Jim Stump about the Road Commission. Please give these openings serious consideration and contact any one of the Selectmen or committee chairs to find out more about these positions.

New Town Clerk

The Selectmen appointed a new Town Clerk during their September 4th meeting. We are pleased that Elaine Varney has accepted the position and already started working with Liz at Town Hall during regular office hours.

Elaine lives in Georgetown and comes to us after 20 years of experience in administration at teaching hospitals in the Boston area including Harvard, Beth Israel, Tufts, and Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

In addition to issuing licenses and providing information and administrative support at Town Hall, she will be assuming the duties of coordinating our election coverage, tabulation and certification of results. She will also attend the bi-monthly Selectmen’s meetings and thankfully take notes. Please make her feel welcome in Arrowsic.

Arrowsic DSL update

Our contact at Pioneer Wireless, Don Flewelling, reports that his company has passed another milestone towards a contract agreement with FairPoint Communications to provide DSL service to Arrowsic. This was to raise their liability insurance from $1.5 million per incident to $10 million. The next step is to reach agreement with FairPoint on using their poles and control boxes to connect us to DSL. While Mr. Flewelling is reluctant to predict when they can start work in Arrowsic, he does think that it may be possible sometime this year. Your Selectmen are in constant contact with Pioneer and will place updates on the Arrowsic web site or in the Arrow as we get new information.
Georgetown Central School
September 2008

The summer months just flew by! The annual Working League Fair was held here in mid-August. Despite the rain, we were able to sell enough raffle tickets for our Ansel Skiff to purchase the wood and materials for next year’s boat! Congratulations to Tim Walsh on Indian Point (when he’s not in Sudbury, MA) who was the lucky winner of the skiff!

The first day of school was September 3rd with approximately 60 smiling faces returning. We are sorry to say that our sixth grade teacher, Julie Denton, has taken a teaching position in a nearby district. Despite the loss of a teacher, we are excited and motivated to try team teaching in grades K-2 and 3-6 this year. With the new Historical Society just a few steps away, we are looking forward to building a true instructional partnership with them.

The Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs) are in and our students performed better than ever. Would you believe that seven students achieved a perfect score in math? This annual state test really serves as a showcase for what our students can do academically! In grades three through six, 88% of the students met or exceeded state standards in reading while 93% met or exceeded the standards in math. Thank you for all that you do to support and encourage our children!

Our greenhouse has arrived and Mr. Kovacs and Mrs. Thibodeau will be working with several parents and community members to build it in early September. We have big plans for the greenhouse that include science projects, winter vegetables for our cafeteria, and Leadership Club projects. With the addition of the Vin and Alice Strout Memorial Garden and a wonderful new picnic table donated by the parents of last year’s sixth grade class, we expect to be doing a lot of outdoor learning this year!

Governor Baldacci has declared the week of September 8th to be the annual Maine Week of Heroes. We’ll be celebrating that event along with Fire Prevention Week in early October. Then before we know it, it will be Halloween!

News from RSU 1

School has started for Arrowsic’s children. As with every September, this year brings changes to our students. Some changes they may not even recognize such as our new administrative configuration. RSU #1 is up and running! Some important information about the administrative office:

- Regional School Unit 1
- 39 Andrews Road, Bath
- Phone number: 443-6601
- e-mail: www.rsu1.org

Superintendent William Shuttleworth, wshuttleworth@rsu1.org

The new school in Woolwich is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. You are invited to meetings regarding this exciting project, which will impact the education of Arrowsic’s children for many years to come. Even though the school will be built in Woolwich, it is being funded by the state and RSU – Arrowsic residents have a financial stake in this project! While the building committee and school board will vote about various aspects of this project between now and January, YOU will have the ultimate voice regarding how the school should look. In January, there will be a referendum within the entire RSU about the Woolwich school project. Between now
and the January vote, you are invited to voice your opinion, comments, criticism, and advise to either of Arrowsic’s school board representatives, or to attend one of the many on-going Woolwich school construction committee meetings. The meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:00 at the Woolwich School, and are also posted in the paper or you can contact the RSU #1 office for dates and times.

Tuition negotiations between the RSU negotiation committee and the Georgetown School committee continue. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

The RSU #1 monthly board meetings are rotated through each of the RSU towns. They are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm. All meetings are open to the public. Please contact the RSU office for location. Your opinion is valued; please let us know what you think. To contact us: Tim Harkins (timharkins3@aol.com, 442-8134) and Francie Tolan (tolans@peoplepc.com, 443-4893).

We Want You!!!
....to consider a seat on the Arrowsic School Advisory Group

The selectmen, along with RSU #1, are seeking to establish a school advisory group (SAG) for Arrowsic. The SAG will help the children of Arrowsic by providing feedback and advice to the RSU #1 school board and principals and teachers of the schools that our children attend. The work of the SAG is to support student achievement. While Arrowsic currently has two residents on the RSU #1 school board who are always receptive to your input, this is another forum for citizens to be involved with the education of our children.

SAGs are being formed throughout the school district as a way to allow citizens another avenue of input regarding school matters. Some of the duties of the SAG are:
• to communicate regularly about current issues between schools and our community
• to provide a link between parents, administrators and the school board
• to brainstorm solutions when there are obstacles to learning
• to advise the board on major issues pertaining to the RSU, when requested.

Please note that the SAG has an advisory role only and does not replace the statutory functions of the RSU board.

It is hoped that the SAG will represent a broad base of community members and reflect various interests and points of view. The term of membership is one year. Membership of an SAG can vary, but cannot exceed nine people. A letter of interest should be submitted to the selectmen, along with a completed RSU #1 application form (available by contacting the RSU, at 443-6601 or web site www.rsu1.org). Elected municipal officials cannot be members. The selectmen will appoint members.

The SAG will establish its own guidelines and protocol to guide its work. Each SAG will meet four times a year. One of the selectmen will convene and chair the group.

Please consider becoming a member of the Arrowsic SAG. Arrowsic has always been committed to the best education possible for our children. Here is another way to get involved and continue the tradition!

Halloween Fun !
Join us
Oct. 26th
2-4 pm at Town Hall

Crafts, games, stories. Bring some apples for the cider press and a pumpkin to decorate. Call Eugenie Knowles 443-1145 for more information.
**From The Voter Registrar**

Election time is drawing near – if you have not registered to vote, please do so by stopping at Town Hall or by requesting a registration application by phone or mail. The Town Hall is open on Wednesdays from 3p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. I can be reached at 443-4978 for information and requests. Absentee ballots will become available to those voters who request by phone or mail and can also be picked up at Town Hall. Let’s all get out to vote in this very important general election.

  - **Election Date:** Tuesday, November 4th, 2008
  - **Election Place:** Arrowsic Town Hall
  - **Election Time:** 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

  Our Senatorial District is 19
  Our Legislative District is 61
  Ward#1

As of this writing we have a total of 383 registered voters:
  - Democrat: 159
  - Green: 17
  - Republican: 73
  - Unenrolled: 134

See you at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.

-- Jean Kane

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**Arrowsic.org**

The selectmen and I would like to make our town website, [arrowsic.org](http://arrowsic.org), useful to the town. Although the site gets more than 60 "hits" each day, few of them appear to be from our town. We know from the email list that many more town residents have Internet capability than use the town site.

The site is configured at present for dialup access, without lots of pictures and bells and whistles. The home page is designed to be YOUR home page, filled with links, local news, and useful search and reference tools. The site contains calendars, committee minutes, town land use and building codes, recycling information, and lots of other information.

We want to use the site to publish timely and helpful news and tips. We are also able to make the web site available for residents to post their own news if they wish. Please visit [arrowsic.org](http://arrowsic.org) and let us know your suggestions at [news@arrowsic.org](mailto:news@arrowsic.org).

– Paul Kalkstein, Arrowsic Webmaster

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**Spring clean up at Squirrel Point Lighthouse.**
CITIZENs FOR SQUIRREL POINT
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Arrowsic Town Hall
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA:
- Review of projects completed in 2008
- Presentation and discussion of the architectural plans developed by Bowdion Rusack Fellow Annie Hancock
- Projects/priorities for the coming year
- Elections of Directors
- Other business

All Welcome!

FMI Contact Lee Johnson (386-1651, leejohnson@wildblue.net)

Items discussed:

Construction:
• Start Work: Charlie Guerette anticipates starting to prepare and clear for detour, estimated start date, September 8th. Anticipated schedule for moving existing bridge to be used as detour; late November, early December.
• Progress Meetings: Progress Meetings will be held every two weeks unless it becomes apparent that they be held more frequently.
• Reed & Reed will be moving the existing bridge to use as a detour during construction of the new bridge. The contract calls for the bridge not being closed to traffic for more than two – eight hour periods. Reed & Reed foresees moving the bridge in two nights from approx. 9pm to 5am.
• Regarding emergency vehicle access – C. Guerette can provide foot traffic access during moving of the bridge. S. Rogers stressed need for backup plan in case it was necessary to cross for emergency purposes, if modification to contract is allowed. “Georgetown” will post updates on their website.
• “Arrowsic” stressed communication of moving of bridge notification to town authorities.
• It was asked by “Arrowsic-Georgetown” whether there was certification that the existing bridge is safe to use as a temporary. S. Rogers stated that Reed & Reed is required to submit a PE stamped certification.

Environmental Requirements:
In-Water work is allowed from October 1st to May 31st. C. Guerette commented that most in water work will be pier related and that the schedule shouldn’t be an issue. S. Rogers explained extension requirements.

Contract Time: The permanent bridge will be opened to traffic by November 9, 2009. The project completion date is May 28, 2010.

Dredge Materials: Dredge Material = anything below normal high water mark that can be beneficially used on site or within same watershed.

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Apple Cider? If you have unwanted apples I can use for cider we can barter. Al Heath 443-6614
The Crosby Mill
Excerpts from: Roy Lawrence’s Recollections of the Crosby Mill in Arrowsic, as told to Laurie Mann, Arrowsic Historical Society, July 2008.

Roy Lawrence at age 96 recalls the design and layout of the mill and the surrounding area. Roy’s father, Ibra Lawrence, was employed at Crosby Mill for more than 20 years from the 1910’s to about 1939. As a child Roy had many opportunities to watch his father and the other men at work.

Crosby Mill operated in the early 1900’s. It was a tidal water-powered sawmill on the east side of Arrowsic, Maine off the Old Stage Road on Mill Island between the millpond and the Back River. The road went over a causeway and right up to the north side of the mill. The two owners were brothers: Charles Crosby had a house and large barn at the mill, still there today as a refurbished home and Guy Crosby lived in Brunswick near the present day Hardings plant. Charles was the main sawyer, Guy provided general manpower. Another fellow, Mr. Fletcher, lived in a house next to the mill (that structure does not exist any more).

Ibra and his young family lived for a brief time in a house that stood at the south end of the millpond. They lived there while the lumber for their future home was being milled. (Roy still has the order for this home, dated Dec. 16, 1912, the total for the materials, delivered, was $710). The house built with Crosby lumber, though no longer in the Lawrence family, exists today at the top of Palace Cove Rd. on the west side of Old Stage Road.

There was another house nearby that had been built with Crosby lumber. It was built for John Crosby, the son of Guy Crosby and was located on the west side of Old Stage Road across from the intersection at Mill Island Road at the site of the present day Carlton home. It came into disrepair and was torn down.

The Crosby’s would take an order for an entire “cottage”. Many customers were city folk who would spend three months of the summer in Maine. All the lumber for an order was milled so that it would be ready to assemble. Shingles, nails, windows – everything else needed to build the house was acquired at Harry Passmore’s Lumber Company (located on Commercial Street in Bath where the present day ‘Bathport’ exists). Material were stored in a building called “The Store” at Crosby Mill until the milled wood was cut and ready for delivery. All the materials were then loaded onto the mill’s scow to be towed by boat to the building site. The Back River had more depth then than it does now.

The mill shut down every winter. Any logs on site were left to freeze in the pond where borer beetles wouldn’t ruin the wood.

One winter Ibra built a 30’x15’ scow in the bed of the mill, (approximately 20’x30’). The mill offered shelter but no heat. In the spring, the scow was launched out the slip, into Mill Pond, through the gates (which were just wide enough) and then into the river.

Another winter Ibra moved the family to Robinhood, Georgetown. Charles Crosby and Ibra worked together to cut down trees that in the spring would be rolled into Robinhood cove and towed north along the Back and Sasanoa Rivers to the mill. Ibra used a pair of oxen to drag the logs to the cove. The logs remained there until the ice was out of Knubble Bay in the spring. Rafts were created after the logs had been rolled into the water: pegs were driven into the ends of several logs then they were chained or roped together. They were ready to be towed to the mill.

The gates of the mill were built into an earthen dam. When the tide was coming into the mill pond the gates would pivot open about 90 degrees to a stopper on each side. When high tide had filled the pond, the gates, due to the pressure of the changing tide, would automatically close, sealing tightly to each other in the middle of the opening.

Adjacent to the gates was the underwater box that housed the waterwheel. When the millpond was higher than the river, the Sawyer opened the small gate in the box of the waterwheel. The water pushed against the blades of the waterwheel as it streamed from the pond through this box, thus turning the wheel and the shaft attached to it. This was the power source for all the machinery in the mill.
It was convenient when an overnight high tide was timed so that the pond was full when the men arrived for work in the morning. They started the day at full power when this happened. The waterwheel was about 6'-8' in diameter, the blades about 6"-8" long set into the wheel at an angle. The box was built to fit closely around the waterwheel. The vertical shaft from the waterwheel came up about 15' below the mill into the area of the main saw. The mill had one level and was about 8' to 10' above the pond at high tide. The operating of the mill depended upon the tide. Criteria was that the water be 4' higher inside the pond than outside in the Back River. This would power the waterwheel with enough speed to keep the main saw functioning. This rotary saw could run 4-5 hours with the average 8' tide.

The length of the workday at the mill depended upon the length of daylight. There was no electricity. In summer, it might be a 9-10 hour day. Crosby mill closed in the late 1930's. At that time Roy’s father Ibra went to work for Spinney Mill on the west side of the island, but only for a year or two, at which time it shut down. Winnegance Mill in Phippsburg converted to electricity for power and is still in operation today. Roy’s father finished out his working career at the Morse owned Winnegance Mill.

The Crosby mill collapsed about fifteen years after being closed. It was about ten years after that, when Roy was visiting the site, that he saw the original waterwheel washed up under a pier about 20-30' from its original location under the mill. It was still mostly intact.
Joseph A. Kane, Jr.
12-16-32 to 7-23-08

I pray that I may live to fish
until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord’s great landing net
And peacefully asleep
That in his mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep!

On July 23rd Arrowsic lost the best fisherman I know. Not only did he know how and where to fish the best spots, but exactly what time to be there. Then he knew when it was time to move on to the next hot spot. I had the privilege to fish with Joe a few times and he was a fishing machine. The fish were always coming over the rail. The thing that I’ll always remember about Joe was as I was reeling in a fish rather quickly he told me to slow down and enjoy every fish. I’ll pass that message on Joe.

– Chris Grill

Home Energy Evaluations

I will complete my “official” training as an “official” home energy auditor in October. I would like to start by offering my fellow “Arrowheads” a reduced rate on a Home energy use audit. Evaluations include blower door testing, computer modeling and a home inspection. Recommendations should result in significant reduction in energy use and savings. Please contact Al Heath 443-6614 or 522-4588.

Car registrations for July through October 2008 are available in the Arrow on the Town Website. Recycling and trash schedule are also available on the town website Arrowsic.org.

Back by popular demand!

2nd Squirrel Point
Clean Up Day
Saturday, September 27
9:30 a.m. on.
(Weather date Sunday Sept. 28)
At the Light.
Hope you can join us!

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