

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
October 23, 2012
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: C. Connery, H. Hultgren
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012 by G. Klinger. 2nd: K. Simoneau.
Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain:
F. Safford.
Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on October 5, 2012 by G. Klinger,
2nd: L. Arnold. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
Abstain: F. Safford, K. Simoneau
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
Reports from Commissioners
1. South Farm Preserve
 - a. Nick Wollenberg Eagle Scout Project – Discussed the project and removed from Nick’s proposal the part where he indicated he would stain the inside of the doors. L. Arnold indicated that Troop 15 leader still needs to sign off on the plan as does the Acting Town Administrator. L. Arnold also informed Nick that no fundraising is permitted. Motion by R. Thieke to have L. Arnold submit the proposal to the Acting Town Administrator for approval. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
 - b. Wood Trail walking trail – Overgrown in some places and we will plan to cutback where needed in the spring.
 - c. Plants and bulbs – G. Klinger reported that she had cut back the plants and also planted a number of daffodil bulbs around the cemetery, barn and sauna.
 2. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve
 - a. Signage – F. Safford reported that he has not been able to finish the sign yet.
 3. Richard Trails
 - a. Lay Out, Develop Trail and Monitor – Confirmed date is set for November 10, 2012 from 9:00 to noon dependent on the extent of the tree canopy and the ability to use the GPS. Rain date – November 11, 2012. R. Thieke will bring tape to lay along planned trail and commissioners should bring clippers and loppers in case they are needed.
 4. Affordable Housing Committee – F. Safford reported that the Committee is requesting that the Town Council ask the State for a moratorium until 2016 for not-for-profit housing.
 5. Geo-caching – tabled.
 6. Town Council update – tabled.
 7. Monitoring of 16 Town-Owned Open Space Properties – will be monitored on December 8, 2012 starting at 9:00 AM. Rain date December 9, 2012.

8. DEM-RIDOT Recreational Trail Grant – M. Dowling sent L. Arnold a copy of this material which we had already discussed at our last regular meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DEM application for permission to alter wetlands at Assessor Plat 29, Lots 43-5. R. Thieke reported that we had received a copy of this application. It was discussed and decided no action was required.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- A. Motion by G. Klinger to adjourn. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on November 27, 2012

Next special Commission meeting will be held on November 10, 2012