

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 6, 2013

Richard Trails Preserve

S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03AM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Klinger and F. Safford.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2013 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: C. Connery.
Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Report on Town Council meeting of November 12, 2013 – L. Arnold and R. Thieke discussed what the Council decided regarding the Charlestown Moraine Preserve (formerly known as Whalerock) and that it is anticipated that at the Council meeting on December 9th they will designate our Commission to draft a management plan which will then be sent to the Town Planner and Planning Commission for their comments. In anticipation of our appointment a Plan has been drafted and it was reviewed. Motion to approve the drafted Plan and to forwarding it to the Town Planner and Planning Commission for their comments by R. Thieke. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.**
 - 2. Korpi Sauna at South Farm Preserve – the repairs have been made by Ricardo Spence.**
 - 3. Affordable Housing Commission liaison with Conservation Commission – Ernest Morreira has e-mailed L. Arnold that he will be the liaison.**
 - 4. December 24, 2013 Commission meeting. Motion by H. Hultgren to cancel this meeting and to hold our next regular meeting on January 11, 2014 when we will monitor the 16 smaller Town-owned properties. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.**
 - 5. Annual monitoring of 16 smaller Town-owned properties – January 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM will also include our next regular meeting. Meet at Ninigret Park Tennis Courts.**
 - 6. CRMC Public Notices – R. Thieke reported that we have been notified of two applications for construction of new/or repair to dock facilities at 57 Lou Avenue and 80 Powaget Avenue.**
 - 7. Richard Trails – Walked the existing trail and scoped out where we will place the next trail which will be done when we have a dry day and can blaze as well as clear the trail. Also installed eight Town of Charlestown Open Space signs along Route 2. When we do the trail work we will install additional signs along Lewis Trail. We will also place signs at each end of the old Indian trail indicating that ATV, motorcycles, bicycles and horse are not allowed on the trail.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS: None.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by H. Hultgren to adjourn. 2nd: R. Thieke. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Richard N. Thieke
Secretary**

Next regular Commission meeting will be held in conjunction with the monitoring of 16 Town-owned properties on January 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM and we will meet at the Ninigret Park Tennis Courts.

Next regular meeting of the Commission at Town Hall will be on January 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM.