

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 27, 2012
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Also attending: G. Avedisian.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2012 by H. Hultgren with the following correction – delete from V3, G. Klinger from those voting. 2nd: F. Safford.
Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay:
None. Abstain: G. Klinger.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
Reports from Commissioners
1. Arbor Day – L. Arnold reported that it will be observed on April 27, 2012 at Noon at Grandpre Memorial Park on Carolina Back Road and that she will invite the Town Council, Town Administrator, department heads and issue a press release. G. Klinger will make a flyer to be placed around Town. L. Arnold also reported that the Town Administrator had directed the Public Works Department to remove the rotting tree and also arrange to plant the replacement. C. Connery reported that Larlham Landscaping would provide a 15 to 20 foot pin oak tree for \$100. F. Safford made a motion to purchase the tree for \$100. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery.
 2. South Farm Preserve – R. Thieke reported that there had been no further evidence of mischievous.
 3. Mud Cove/Route 1 – L. Arnold will draft a letter to the State requesting that the State to clear out the invasive plants along this section of Route 1 so as to improve the site lines to the water. Town Council will be asked to forward the letter to the State.
 4. Conservation Commission Open Space Walks at South Farm and Schoolhouse Pond Preserves – generally discussed but final plans will be made at our next meeting.
 5. Geo-cashing – agreed to add another two sites at South Farm and one at Schoolhouse Pond. At the Open Space Walks we will have a table regarding geo-cashing.
 6. Owl and Duck Houses – H. Hultgren will determine when this should be done and let the Commissioners know and ask them to assist in installation.
 7. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Arbor Day – April 27, 2012 at noon at Grandpre Memorial Park.
 - b. Richards Trails – April 28, 2012 at 3:00 PM – site walk to scope out location of the first trail.
 - c. Richards Trail Work Day – May 19, 2012 from 9:00 AM to noon – clear trail. R. Thieke will contact St. Andrew's and ask them to include it as one of their Faith in Action projects on that date.
 - d. Well Water Workshop – May 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Cross Mills Library.
 - e. Rain Barrel Project – June 9, 2012 from 9:00 AM to noon – Informational flyers have been placed around Town, on the website and in Town Hall. Barrels will be distributed on June 9th.
 8. RI Association of Conservation Commissions – L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and K. Simoneau reported that they had good discussions with other Commissions at the Land and Water Conservation Summit.
 9. Photo Contest – we will discuss having one in Charlestown at our next meeting.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. K. Simoneau reported that it appears that the public access trail from Charlestown Beach Road to the beach has been blocked off (Map 18, lot 9-19). G. Avedisian will have the matter looked into.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on April 24, 2012