

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 24, 2016**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: None.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016 by F. Safford. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and K. Simoneau. Motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016 by G. Klinger. 2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery, F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. Grand opening scheduled for July 9 at 11:00 AM. Town will provide refreshments. The public and area non-profits will be invited to attend. An ornamental grass plant will be planted on each side of the kiosk as a belated Arbor Day observance.
  - b. Motion to spend up to \$100 for ornamental grass plants by R. Thieke. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
  - c. Signage and kiosk installation – F. Safford will schedule a time and date for this with Public Works Dept.
  - d. Picnic tables – the two tables ordered for the Preserve will be delivered on June 5 at 3:00 PM.
  - e. Birdhouses – Motion by G. Klinger to spend up to \$350 for birdhouses and bird shelters for the Moraine. 2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
  - f. Trails – R. Thieke will blaze the trail and C. Connery and K. Simoneau do a final trail clearing on June 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM
- B. Report on South Farm Preserve**
- a. Trail – L. Arnold reported that Public Works Dept. had removed the fallen tree by the parking lot as well as cut the fields and trails.
  - b. Road sign “Open Dawn to Dusk” – L. Arnold reported that the sign has been stolen. Motion by H. Hultgren to purchase a replacement sign. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
  - c. Work needed – C. Connery will weed whack around the parking area and road sign and G. Klinger will check trails for any needed work.
  - d. Benches – a new bench for the cemetery has been purchased and another will be ordered to go near the barn since we will move the picnic table now there to the area near the kiosk. Motion by G. Klinger to spend \$60 for a bench. 2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- C. Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
- a. Work Day – will set a date later in the summer
  - b. Signage and kiosk – H. Hultgren will discuss with F. Safford and plan for installation later this summer.
- D. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**

- a. Management Plan for the Preserve - R. Thieke reported that the Plan was approved by the Town Council on May 9, 2016.
- b. Motion by R. Thieke to purchase a sign and “Open Dawn to Dusk” signs for the Preserve. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- c. Kiosk and picnic table – discussion postponed to next meeting.
- d. After closing on purchase, a date will be set to walk the Preserve and determine work that needs to be done.

**Richard Trails**

- a. Additional trail – will be done after Moraine and Sprague work.

**Well Water Workshop**

- a. It is scheduled for July 12 at 6:00 PM at Cross Mills Library.

**G. Burrillville**

- a. Burrillville Land Trust letter concerning proposed fracked gas-fired power plant. Town Council postponed any action until Town of Burrillville acts.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on June 28, 2016 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM