

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 26, 2012
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and K. Simoneau.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to correct the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2012 by changing the word “him” to “K. Browning” in the second line of item VII – 2 – d and then approving the minutes by H. Hultgren. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford, and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:

Reports from Commissioners

 1. South Farm Preserve
 - a. Guided Walk – R. Thieke reported that two people showed up for the walk and that he and K. Simoneau walked the trails and showed the features of the property. There was much discussion and the visitors expressed their appreciation for the opportunity.
 - b. Picnic Table Report – F. Safford reported that the painting of the table has been completed and it has been placed in the picnic area.
 - c. Geo-cash – H. Hultgren reported that he had purchased four additional boxes but has not yet placed any of them at South Farm. There are already two there.
 - d. Sheep Barn Window – H. Hultgren replaced the broken window. R. Thieke made a motion to reimburse H. Hultgren \$8.32 for the supplies to replace the window. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford, and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: H. Hultgren.
 - e. Open Space and Guided Tour Booklets – L. Arnold reported that the order for additional copies had been placed.
 - f. Plants – G. Klinger reported that she had purchased and planted some plants by the kiosk, sauna and barn signs and will place some by the cemetery sign.
 - g. Nick Wollenberg Eagle Scout Project – L. Arnold and F. Safford met with Nick and his mother and he will be putting a clear preservative on the barn.
 - h. Monitoring of South Farm Preserve – R. Thieke reported that he and K. Simoneau walked all the trails on the Preserve during the public walk on June 23, 2012 and all appeared to be in order. The Wood Trail – BSA # 15 is a bit overgrown in some areas and needs to be cut back.
 2. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve
 - a. Cleanup and Monitoring was scheduled for September 22, 2012 from 9:30 to noon. Rain date – September 23, 2012.
 - b. Guided Walk - We will consider offering one at a subsequent meeting.
 3. Richard Trails
 - a. Lay Out, Develop Trail and Monitor – Tentatively 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.
 - c. The Nature Conservancy – L. Arnold will inform them of the selected dates so they may participate in the trail layout.
 4. Monitoring of Town-Owned Open Space Properties
 - a. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp – Will be monitored on September 22, 2012 at 9:00 AM.
 - b. Sixteen Other Properties – will be monitored in the fall and a date set soon.
 5. YMCA Property - No report

6. Budget – No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Washington County Transfer of Development Rights Study Draft Report

It was the consensus of the Commission that the Town should create a Historical District Commission.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

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