

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 22, 2014
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Klinger, K. Simoneau, F. Safford
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2014 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. L. Arnold reported that Tim Mooney of The Nature Conservancy is working on the maps and should have them to us shortly
 - b. L. Arnold will talk to the Town Administrator about scheduling a time to create the parking lot and do the archeological study.
 - c. There was general discussion of the information still needed to complete the application for a RI DEM Trail grant. Besides needing the maps, we need to determine estimated length and cost of the trail as well as signage and other informational materials. It is anticipated that we will have this information so that the application can be finalized for the November grant cycle.
 - d. Signage – L. Arnold reported that the sign for the parking lot has been received.
- B. South Farm Preserve**
- a. Maintenance – R. Thieke indicated that there needed to be weed-whacking around the barn stone walls as well as the sauna and the old kitchen garden. L. Arnold will ask the Public Works Dept. to fill in the hole at the entrance to the parking lot and to cut the hay in the two fields.
 - b. Picnic table – F. Safford has painted the new picnic table and will arrange to have it placed at the Preserve in the area behind the kiosk.
- C. Richard Trails**
- a. C. Connery will schedule a time to complete the clearing of the new trail and then R. Thieke will complete the blazing of it. Tim Mooney of The Nature Conservancy will be furnishing us with a new map showing the trail.
 - b. H. Hultgren and R. Thieke installed the woodpecker houses and also placed “Open Space” signs along Lewis Trail
 - c. The picnic table has been moved to a better location.
- D. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
- a. The sign and kiosk are being worked on and finalized soon.
- E. Monitoring Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp** – L. Arnold and G. Klinger will do this work in the near future.
- F. Well Water Workshop** – L. Arnold reported that per G. Klinger there were 14 people at this workshop on June 24th and most submitted water for sampling.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Charlestown Comprehensive Plan Re-write** – L Arnold reported that the consultants will be scheduling a meeting with the Commission and will request that it coincide with one of our regularly scheduled meetings.

B. **Ethics/Conflict of Interest – Town Charter/Rhode Island Code of Ethics**

Commission members acknowledged receipt of it from the Town Administrator and all present indicated that they are up-to-date on the paperwork.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

Next regular meeting of the Commission at Town Hall will be on August 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM.