

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**July 26, 2016**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery, H. Hultgren and K. Simoneau
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2016 by F. Safford. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. Grand opening on July 9 at 11:00 AM. – G. Klinger reported that about 40 people attended the opening ceremony including all members of the Town Council. Many walked the trail and there were lots of positive comments about the trail after they completed the walk.
- b. Birdhouses – will be put in place at a later date since nesting time is over.
- c. Picnic tables – will research ways to mark the tables indelibly with notation that they are Town owned property.
- B. Report on South Farm Preserve**
- a. Trail – R Thieke reported that the trails have been recently cut.
- b. Weed Whacking – C. Connery has volunteered to do around the parking lot and G. Klinger will also ask him to do the cemetery.
- c. Benches – installation will be scheduled in the future after a method is found to indelibly mark them as Town owned property.
- d. Picnic table near barn – will request Public Works move it to the picnic area near kiosk.
- C. Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
- a. Signage - F. Safford reported that the sign has been installed and that a date for kiosk installation will be decided at our next meeting.
- D. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
- a. Commission members walked the property on July 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed possible parking lot location and what needs to be done to create the connecting trail from there to the existing trails. Also discussed what needs to be done to redirect the trail off abutter property. A work date to do the trail work will be determined at our next meeting.
- b. Kiosk and picnic table – discussion postponed until parking lot installed.
- c. Parking Lot – L. Arnold will request that Public Works Dept. give us their opinion as to parking lot location for 4 cars.
- E. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**
- a. F. Safford reported the one roadside sign was missing. Closer inspection noted it was there but knocked down – damage unknown.
- F. Well Water Workshop**
- a. G. Klinger reported that 38 people attended this year’s workshop...
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS -** None
- VII **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on August 23, 2016 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

**APPROVED October 25, 2016**