

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**July 28, 2015**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: F. Safford and G. Klinger.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Arnold. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery and K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Cutting of Trail – C. Connery reported that he and a friend will walk the proposed trail and put up additional markers and Matt Larlham plans to do the trail cutting work next week.
  - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Letter from Nancy Roth – L. Arnold reported that she had responded to this letter concerning the cutting of the fields indicating all was done in accordance with the management plan.
    - b. Maintenance – trails need to be cut and L. Arnold will contact Public Works Dept. to schedule. Any other maintenance will be done in early fall.
    - c. Map - a new map has been received and H. Hultgren will install it in the kiosk.
  - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Map – a new map has been received and will be installed in the kiosk as soon as it is installed.
  - D. **Open Space Brochure**
    - a. H. Hultgren reported that the new brochure has been ordered and printed and he is awaiting its arrival.
  - E. **Workshop for Private Well Owners**
    - a. H. Hultgren reported that about 60 people attended the workshop on July 14 and that a number of testing kits were distributed as were brochures from DEM on tips on how to not pollute wells.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **Potable Water Workshop Group** – L. Arnold reported that the Town Council has established this group and at their next meeting will expand it to include a member of this Commission. H. Hultgren will be the member asked to join and to also bring to the attention of the Group the Fertilizer Resolution written by the Commission and approved by Town Council several years ago.
  - B. **Advisory to Town Council regarding environmental land use restrictions in Ninigret Park** – the information was reviewed and unanimous agreement that there should be restrictions as proposed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and L. Arnold and R. Thieke will advise the Town Council through the Town Clerk of that.

**C. CRMC Advisory:**

- a. For expansion of a .75 acre existing oyster farm to a 3.3 acre one in Quonochontaug Pond.

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, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke  
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on August 25, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM