

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 27, 2013
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and R. Thieke.
Excused: F. Safford, K. Simoneau
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: G. Klinger.
Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery. Motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2013 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, C. Connery and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Klinger.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
1. South Farm Preserve
 - a. Work day scheduled for September 28, 2013 when members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will help with several projects including removal of overgrowth from stone wall along old kitchen garden, brush along Old Coach Road wall, widening Boy Scout Trail and general maintenance.
 - b. R. Thieke reported that the kiosk has been “egged” again and that all the posts marking the trails have been stolen. Also, one of the picnic tables has been moved out of the picnic area into the fields.
 - c. The wildflowers in the fields are starting to bloom – Great!!
 - d. The tree in front of the barn has been cut down by Public Works.
 - e. Sauna – further repair is needed to the area of and around the firebox and L. Arnold will discuss with F. Safford about getting it done.
 2. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve
 - a. Trail maintenance and birdhouse installation – will plan to do this in October.
 - b. Entrance sign and Kiosk – tabled
 3. Richard Trails
 - a. Open Space signs – H. Hultgren and R. Thieke will install these along Route 2 side of the property.
 - b. Trail maintenance – C. Connery will do the work when needed.
 - c. Birdhouses – will be installed in February.
 - d. Boundary Signs – have been received and will be put in place in November when the tree canopy is gone and the GPS can be used.
 - e. Additional Trails – will be done when boundary signs are installed.
 4. Comprehensive Plan Update – L. Arnold reported that the conservation part of the Plan include our accomplishments since the 2006 writing has been completed.
 5. Assessor’s Plat 17, Lot 186 – R. Thieke reported that the Town Council approved the purchase of this property with open space bonds and that five organizations have expressed an interest in holding a conservation easement over the property.
 6. Fall/Winter Programs – will consider having a program in February or March on Rhode Island native plants with anticipation of spring planting season. For Arbor Day will plan a program similar to this year involving distribution of saplings to the 4th grade students at Charlestown Elementary School and also consider a poster contest. Will also consider planting wildflowers on a section of the north field of South Farm.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: None
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on September 24, 2013