

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**June 24, 2014**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau, F. Safford and R. Thieke.  
Excused: G. Klinger
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
Motion to amend the minutes of May 27, 2014 by changing the word “Kingsland” to “Kingswood” in Section IV and changing the amount of “\$350” to “\$380” in Section V – G and then to approve the amended minutes by H. Hultgren. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- 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 also reported that she had sent a memo to the Town Council updating them on the actions the Commission has so far taken.
  - c. The parking lot and archeological study were tabled since they are expected to be funding from the 2015 fiscal year budget.
  - d. There was general discussion of the information needed to complete the application for a RI DEM Trail grant. Besides needing the maps, we need to determine estimated cost of the trail/parking lot as well as signage and other informational materials. It is anticipated that we will have this information so that the application can be finalized at our July meeting.
  - e. Signage – L. Arnold reported that she had ordered a sign to be placed at the entry to the parking lot similar to those at the other Town preserves.
- B. **South Farm Preserve**
- a. Horseback riding – L. Arnold reported that she had contacted the Town Administrator and he has discussed the matter of the horses using the woodland trails with the horse farm owner. She also told him that we had placed “no horses” signs at the entrances to the Wood and Woodland trails. It was also mentioned that it appears that there has been some usage of the parking lot entrance by horses and L. Arnold will mention that to the Town Administrator since that is not allowed.
  - b. Picnic table - L. Arnold reported that a new six foot table has been delivered to F. Safford’s home for painting and will then be placed in the picnic area. The Public Works Dept. has removed the three that are badly damaged.
  - c. Maintenance – L. Safford reported that he had week-whacked around the parking lot and walls along Old Coach Rd. R. Thieke indicated that there also needed to be weed-whacking around the barn stone walls as well as the sauna. L. Arnold will ask the Public Works Dept. to fill in the hole at the entrance to the parking lot.
- C. **Richard Trails**
- a. C. Connery and F. Safford 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. H. Hultgren and R. Thieke will schedule a time to install the woodpecker houses.

b. The picnic table has been moved from its normal location by persons unknown and it will be moved back.

**D. Monitoring of Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**

- a. Monitoring - H. Hultgren submitted a monitoring report for when he did a site walk on May 29, 2014.  
b. 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. Expenditures** – C. Connery reported that he had purchased the weed-whacker authorized at our last meeting for Commission use.

**G. Affordable Housing Commission** – no report.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **CRMC Notice** - R. Thieke reported that we have been notified of an application to construct a residential boating facility at 63 Arnolda Road. No action required.

**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, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke  
Secretary

Next regular meeting of the Commission at Town Hall will be on July 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM.