

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**January 23, 2018**  
**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 G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, F. Safford and R. Thieke.  
Excused: G. Gardiner and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017 meeting was tabled until February meeting.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Trails are getting some traffic during the winter months. There have been some branches down but nothing near trails.
  - B. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Trails being used and in good shape. There was a car left in the parking lot for some time but G. Klinger reported it to the police and it was removed by the owner.
  - C. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Kiosk installation – tabled until spring
    - b. Trail and Road Maintenance – G. Klinger reported that Public Works Dept. has filled in some of the deeper depressions along the road into the Preserve.
  - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger reported that Public Works has been working on the parking lot but it is not yet completed. Town had Dowdell resurvey the area and they placed markers at the property lines. Public Works talked with the abutters and addressed their concerns.
    - b. Trail work will be done in the spring.
  - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp–**
    - a. K. Simoneau replaced the caps on the road sign with solar powered ones.
  - F. **Richard Trails**
    - a. Trail getting a lot of use but all are clear at this time.
  - G. **Additional Old Business – None**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CRMC Notice** – request from Joseph Verdon for a residential boating facility to extend 50 feet beyond mean low water. Also request from Mark Keeley for assent to create and maintain a small sub-tidal oyster farm (0.3 acres) using a rack and hang system in Quonochontaug Pond.
  - B. **Correspondence from R I Envirothon Inc.** – they are a non-profit seeking donations. Decided that we do not have the budget to support a donation and do not believe it is within our mandate to do so.
  - C. **Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation Summit** – held this year on March 10<sup>th</sup> at URI. G. Klinger and S. Griffin will attend. Motion by R. Thieke to pay \$55 each for G. Klinger and S. Griffin to attend the annual RI Land and Water

Conservation Summit. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, F. Safford, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

**D. Additional New Business**

- a. **Green Clean Bond Issue** - does not appear to be any areas germane to our work so we will not be applying.
- b. **Earth Day** – V. Hilton of Parks and Rec has been in contact with G. Klinger about the Commission participating in their Earth Day observation. Agreed G. Klinger should contact her and ask if we can have a table from which to distribute brochures and sign up Friends of Conservation volunteers.

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** G. Klinger noted that the terms of C. Connery and R. Thieke expire on January 31<sup>st</sup> and that they both have applied for reappointment to the Commission and it will be taken up at the next Town Council meeting.

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, F. Safford, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on February 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.