

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 28, 2020
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery, G. Gardiner and S. Griffin.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney, Town Council Vice President attended
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2019 made by K. Simoneau. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: G. Klinger, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau will continue to periodically monitor and remove trash.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that she had cleaned up around the parking area.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that she had cleaned up around the parking area.
 - b. G. Klinger reported that C. Connery will talk with Matt Larlham to get an estimate for the clearing of the second entrance to the Preserve as a means of getting equipment into it.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that she had cleared up around the parking area.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. R. Thieke reported parking area looks good and based on the number of maps taken that there is considerable usage being made of the Preserve.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported experiencing loose dogs interfering with her entering the parking area and having to explain rules to their owner. Again, reconfirming the need for our rules for dogs on leash or under voice command.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. R. Thieke reported that we have submitted our budget request for the next fiscal year to the Budget Commission. Request is for \$4600 including money for brush cutting trails, second Sprague entrance, security, equipment, repairs, map and brochure printing and Arbor Day.
 - b. Black Swallow Wort – G. Klinger has not yet received the report on last year’s results and will contact URI about it.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CRMC Notices**
 - a. Noted request from James Arnoux of East Beach Farms LLC to add 2.6 acres to his existing oyster aquaculture site in Ninigret Pond.
 - B. **Land and Water Conservation Summit at URI – March 7, 2020**
 - a. R. Thieke distributed information about the sessions to the Commission members and those interested will register on-line.
 - C. **Additional New Business**

- a. **May 2** – will plan a work day at Sprague Preserve in conjunction with St. Andrew’s Faith in Action weekend.
- b. **All Trails.com and ExploreRI.org** – L. Macalister and R. Thieke have developed information for each of these sites to get more visibility and usage of the trails on our Preserves. L. Macalister will consolidate both sets of material and we will review it at our next meeting.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: - None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Simoneau to adjourn. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: G. Klinger, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

