

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**October 25, 2016**  
**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, Vice-Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
- III. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**
- A. Moment of silence to remember Lillian Arnold.
  - B. Election of Chairperson – motion by R. Thieke to elect G. Klinger as chairperson. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Klinger.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 was made by F. Safford. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery, H. Hultgren and K. Simoneau.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Picnic tables – R. Thieke checked with Public Works Dept. about marking the tables as Town property and was told that is not done.
  - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Benches – installation will be scheduled in the spring.
    - b. Picnic table near barn – will move it to the picnic area near kiosk on next work date.
    - c. Walking woodland trails – members will do this at time of their choosing to see what work might need to be done.
  - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Kiosk – tabled discussion of installation date to next meeting.
  - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Connecting trail – C. Connery, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke marked and brush cut a trail from the road to the existing farm trail.
    - b. Kiosk and picnic table – discussion postponed until parking lot installed.
    - c. Parking Lot – Commission members met with A. Arsenaault of Public Works Dept. regarding location of parking lot.
  - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**
    - a. F. Safford has the roadside sign that was taken down and will refurbish it and hold it in reserve. We will leave only one sign in place.
  - E. **Richard Trails**
    - a. Another trail – discussion deferred until spring
    - b. Trail maintenance – will be done in conjunction with creating another trail.
    - c. Closed trail – C. Connery and G. Gardiner will walk it and try to clear it.
  - F. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**
    - a. Work Day on November 5 at the Moraine – H. Hultgren has been in touch with The Westerly Sun and they plan to write about it asking for volunteers. If more people than needed come, we will ask some to go to other properties. H. Hultgren will also e-mail the Town Council asking for their support.

- b. Charlestown Historical Society Reenactment – G. Klinger will have a table there with our brochure and seeking volunteers for “Friends of Conservation effort.
- c. G. Klinger reported on her meeting, along with R. Thieke, with the Town Administrator where our current activities were reviewed and we discussed our anticipated budget requests as well as our request for an increase in the membership of the Commission from seven to nine members.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Moraine trail for western section**

- a. Several Commission members will meet on November 2 at 9:00 AM to mark it off.

**B. Budget request for next fiscal year** – discussed it and will finalize our needs at our next meeting so the budget commission will have it by December 1.

**C. Recommendation for a new member of the Commission**

- a. An application has been made by Gary Gardiner, who is known to most of the Commissioners. Motion by C. Connery to recommend to the Town Council that Gary Gardiner be appointed to the Conservation Commission. 2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Hultgren. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on November 22, 2016 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM