

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 27, 2015
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. Sanford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: L. Arnold.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery, F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Cutting of Trail – C. Connery reported that most of the trail has been cleared with the help of Larlham Landscaping and that only the parts closest to the proposed parking lot still need to be done.
 - b. Parking Lot – R. Thieke reported that L. Arnold has contacted Public Works about the timing of putting in the parking lot and they do not yet have a date.
 - c. Work Day – decided that any further work needs to wait for the parking lot to be installed.
 - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Maintenance – a work date of November 6 at 9:30 AM was set.
 - b. Parking Lot stone – we will straighten it out on our workday.
 - c. Kiosk Info – H. Hultgren will develop a sign stating “South Farm Preserve is managed and maintained by the Charlestown Conservation Commission.” Similar signs will be made for the other preserves we are responsible for.
 - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Trail Inspection – H. Hultgren reported that he had monitored the Preserve and that there are some trees and branches across some of the trails but that they are passable.
 - b. Work Day – will set a date at our November meeting.
 - D. **Potable Water Workshop Group**
 - a. H. Hultgren is our representative and he reported that there had been no meeting and as far as he knows there are none scheduled.
 - E. **Watershed Areas and Properties Near Them**
 - a. L. Arnold inquired about the availability of such a map at Town Hall and was advised there is none. She informed K. Jarrett of the Charlestown Land Trust of that fact.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **CRMC Advisory**
 - a. From DEM for a State of RI Assent to construct and maintain small cultch reefs in four areas of the RI DEM Ninigret Pond Shellfish Spawner Sanctuary. Footprint to be 2152 square feet.
 - b. From DEM for a State of RI Assent to construct and maintain an oyster restoration site in the Shellfish Spawner Sanctuary of Ninigret Pond to continue the NRCS EQIP work.

- c. From Jason Peet for a State of RI Assent to construct and maintain an aquaculture operation to grow oysters at two sites in Quonochontaug Pond totaling about one acre.
- d. From Christian Durfee for a State of RI Assent to construct and maintain a shellfish hatchery at Ninigret Landing Marina.

B. Tree City USA Certification

- a. An application for this designation has been received but the Town of Charlestown is not eligible since we do not have a designated tree care decision maker.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on November 24, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
November 6, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31AM by L. Arnold, Chair at South Farm Preserve.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and F. Safford.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. CLEAN UP:** The areas around the parking lot and road side were trimmed, the cemetery cleared of brush and the woodland trails were cleared of fallen trees and limbs and where needed the vegetation cutback to widen the trails.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. Geocaching at Schoolhouse Pond Preserve – a request has been received from Jim Cole, 30 Breton Drive, Charlestown to place two (2) caches on the Preserve. Motion to approve the request by R. Thieke. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
 - b. Next Commission Meeting: Since several members will not be able to attend the meeting on November 24th, it was agreed to postpone the next meeting to December 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by H. Hultgren to adjourn. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

The next Commission Meeting will be held on December 8, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM.