

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 25, 2014
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 L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, H. Hultgren, F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
Excused: C. Connery and R. Thieke
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014 G. Klinger. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: G. Klinger, H. Hultgren and F. Safford. Nay: None. Abstain: L. Arnold and K. Simoneau
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. L. Arnold reported that the issue of providing funds for trail clearance will be discussed at the December 8, 2014 Town Council meeting.
- b. L. Arnold reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission has provided an advisory opinion on the trail project to the Town Council.
- B. **South Farm Preserve**
- a. Insect Infestation – F. Safford reported that it appears that the infestation in the barn is by Powder Post Beetles and that the damage at this time is not serious but will be rechecked in the spring.
- b. Horses – A “no horses” sign posted on a pole at the parking lot entrance has been stolen. The Commission will explore the costs of installing a horse baffle.
- C. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**
- a. Copper Cap – one is missing from one of the sign posts and it will be replaced.
- b. L. Arnold reported that she had an e-mail from a member of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee requesting information regarding plans for the Swamp and possible bike path intersection. She informed the inquirer that the Commission plan is to eventually install a viewing area and no paths through the wetlands.
- D. **Report – Affordable Housing Commission** – F. Safford stated there was nothing to report.
- E. **Additional Business**
- a. The Commission will hold a special meeting to monitor sixteen (16) Town owned properties on Saturday, January 10, 2015 (rain date – Jan 17, 2015) at 9:00 AM, meeting at the Ninigret Park tennis courts.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **CRMC Notice** has been received for AP2 Lot 628 requesting permission to make changes to a floating dock and the Commission had no objections.
- B. **Conservation Commission Application** – a resume has been received by the Chair who will keep it on file since there are currently no openings.
- C. **December Meeting** – A motion was made by H. Hultgren to cancel the December 23, 2014 meeting of the Commission and to present any items needing action at the special meeting

on January 10, 2015. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: A. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and K. Simoneau. Nay: None.

VII. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by F. Safford to adjourn. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, H. Hultgren, F. Safford and K. Simoneau. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Klinger
Acting Secretary

Next special meeting of the Commission will be held on January 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM to monitor 16 properties (meet at Ninigret Park tennis courts)

Next regular meeting of the Commission at Town Hall will be on January 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM.