

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 27, 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, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: G. Gardiner.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Klinger and C. Connery.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau reported that National Grid was cutting back the trees along Route 1A.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that she had been there are cleared trash from parking area.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. R. Thieke reported that there had been concerns expressed by a resident about reports/evidence of vehicles around the fields and some tree cutting. The Commission and Charlestown Land Trust members trimmed or cut down some trees in order to more open the area around the stone seating area and make it a more attractive place for walkers to enjoy the Preserve. As to vehicles coming into the Preserve around the field, police have been advised and one potential entry point closed off. Additional closings will be looked into.
 - b. R. Thieke reported that Karen Jarret of Charlestown Land Trust conducts the annual Turkey Trot and all were pleased with how the Preserve looked and felt all was in order.
 - c. Kiosk was completed on October 24th by C. Connery, G. Gardiner and R. Thieke.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve** – no report.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Trail maintenance was conducted on November 5.
 - b. A kiosk will be purchased for this Preserve since the one destined for here will be placed at South Farm Preserve.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Vandals have destroyed the kiosk. Police were notified but there was scant evidence for them to be able to determine who did it. Public Works Dept. has removed it are Larlham Landscaping will install the one that had been destined for Schoolhouse Pond at South Farm on December 3.
 - b. We will send a letter to the Budget Commission requesting an additional budget allocation to enable us to purchase a kiosk for Schoolhouse Pond.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** - None

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CRMC Notices** – DEM has revised somewhat there previously issued notice for work in the Quonochontaug Pons and Breachway.

B. Additional New Business

- a. Hunting on Preserves – since all six are for passive recreation, the Commission feels that even if the Management Plan for a specific preserve does not specifically exclude it, hunting does not qualify as passive recreation.
- b. Meeting schedule for 2019 – approved the schedule as outlined as our 2019 schedule of regular meetings.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2nd: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.