

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**November 28, 2017**  
**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, G. Gardiner and K. Simoneau. Excused: S. Griffin, F. Safford and R. Thieke.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2017 meeting was made by K. Simoneau. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger and K. Simoneau. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery and G. Gardiner. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 by G. Gardiner. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger and G. Gardiner. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery and K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Trail Maintenance – G. Gardiner reported that he had removed all the trees fallen by the storm across the trails. .
  - B. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Black Swallow Wort – G. Klinger reported that URI has removed the cages since the 500 caterpillars have fed and now gone into the ground to pupate. In the spring they will put the cages back and look for adult moth emergence inside the cages and in summer remove the cages and let the caterpillars and moths disperse.
  - C. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Kiosk installation - tabled
    - b. Trail and Road Maintenance – G. Klinger reported that Public Works Dept. will fill in some of the deeper depressions along the road into the Preserve.
  - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger reported that Public Works has begun working on the parking lot.
    - b. Trail work will be done in the spring.
  - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp–**
    - a. K. Simoneau replaced the caps on the road sign with solar powered ones.
  - F. **Richard Trails**
    - a. Trail Maintenance – done on November 8<sup>th</sup> and four trees fallen across the trails have been removed.
  - G. **Additional Old Business – None**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Potential Sale of Groundwater by the Tribe** – It was noted that the public hearing on this issue will be held on December 5 at 6:00 PM at the Charlestown Elementary School.
  - B. **CRMC Notice** – we have been advised that East Beach Farms LLC has requested permission to create and maintain a six acre oyster farm in Quonochontaug Pond.

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

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner and K. Simoneau. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Connery, Acting Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on January 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall