

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 24, 2015**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by G. Klinger, Vice - Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Excused: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015 - tabled
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**  
G. Klinger reported that C. Connery had spoken to Larlham Landscaping and they are ready to do the brush cutting of the trail in the spring.
  - B. **Town Council Meeting on February 9, 2015**
    - a. Lucey Property – R. Thieke reported that the Town Council agreed to accept the gift and they asked the solicitors to do what needs to be done to separate the parcels from those in Westerly.
    - b. Planning Commission as well as ourselves gave the Council advisory opinions recommending the Town accept the gift of the Lucey property.
    - c. Charlestown Moraine Conservation Easement – R. Thieke reported that the Town Council passed a resolution that will allow the Town to talk with RI Dept. of Environmental Management and the Charlestown Land Trust about holding a conservation easement on the Preserve. If they determine that an easement is appropriate, it would go to the voters for approval.
    - d. Open Space Bond for \$2 million – R. Thieke reported that the Town Council approved a new bond issue for \$2 million to purchase open space. The voters will have to approve it.
  - C. **Comprehensive Plan Re-write** – we will meet with Nancy Letendre from Mason & Associates on March 24, 2015.
  - D. **Land and Water Conservation Summit** – L. Arnold, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke will be attending the Summit on March 14, 2015 at URI
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **CRMC Advisory:**
    - a. Robert Krause has applied to construct and maintain an aquaculture farm expansion in Ninigret Pond southeast of Grassy Point.
    - b. Matthew Behan has applied to construct and maintain a three acre aquaculture farm expansion in Ninigret Pond.
- VII. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Motion by K. Simoneau to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, K. Simoneau, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke  
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting 3/24/2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM