

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 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, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Gardiner and S. Griffin.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017 meeting was made by K. Simoneau. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery and K. Simoneau. Nay: None. Abstain: F. Safford and R. Thieke. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Trails are getting some traffic during the winter months. There have been some branches down but nothing near trails.
 - B. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Trails being used and in good shape.
 - C. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk installation – will be installed at a mutually convenient time for F. Safford and the Public Works Dept. staff.
 - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger reported that Public Works has been working on the parking lot and it is close to completion.
 - b. Boundary markers and trail work will be done in the spring.
 - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp–**
 - a. Will schedule a clean-up date in spring to remove trash.
 - F. **Richard Trails**
 - a. Trails getting a lot of use but all are clear at this time.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. **Geocaching** – will look into getting someone to take over monitoring of them.
 - b. **Earth Day celebration** – G. Klinger will staff a booth to distribute our brochure, maps and sign-up of people to be Friends of Conservation.
- VI **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CRMC Notice** – request from Alexander and Michelle Bea for modification of a residential boating facility to extend 33 feet beyond mean low water line.
 - B. **Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation Summit** – held this year on March 10th at URI. G. Klinger and S. Griffin will attend.
 - C. **Additional New Business**
 - c. **Flood Plain information** – G. Klinger received information on this and briefly reviewed it with the Commission but it was determined that it did not pertain to us.

- d. **Monitoring 18 properties** – this will be done in March on either March 7 or 14th or another mutually convenient date.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: G. Klinger indicated she will ask S. Griffin to handle the well water workshop this year.

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on March 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.