

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 28, 2017
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, K. Simoneau, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None,
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2017 meeting was made by F. Safford. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Trail Work for spring – trails will need to be blazed and brush cut.
 - b. New maps – R. Thieke has asked S. McCandless to provide us with updated maps.
 - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Picnic table near barn – will move it to the picnic area near kiosk.
 - b. Barn – R. Thieke reported that someone tried to get into the barn by pushing on the window. He has put the window back in place.
 - c. Work for spring – general cleanup and trail maintenance.
 - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk – will be installed in the spring.
 - b. Work for spring – Trail maintenance. K. Simoneau reported that there have been a number of blowdowns over the winter.
 - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger contacted Public Works and found that this project is in the Town budget as a capital project with a May to July timeline for completion.
 - b. Signage – R. Thieke will look into getting a road sign made.
 - c. Trail map – R. Thieke will discuss with S. McCandless getting a trail map made for the kiosk and distribution to visitors and also to help us determine the areas where the current trail system goes onto abutter's property.
 - d. Work for spring – general cleanup and trail maintenance and creation of a new trail around abutter property and fencing off the current trail in that area.
 - E. **Richard Trails**
 - a. Closed Trail – in the spring we will clear downed or leaning trees.
 - F. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**
 - a. Establish List of Need Work on Each Preserve and set dates at our March meeting.
 - b. Budget – G. Klinger reported that she attended the meeting of the Budget Commission to discuss with them our proposed budget. There appeared to be agreement by Commission members of our proposal.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Land and Water Conservation Summit at URI** – K. Simoneau and R. Thieke will attend.

B. Railroad Bypass Proposal

Motion by F. Safford supporting the Town Council position on the proposed railroad bypass through Charlestown. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

C. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS: None

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on March 28, 2017 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM