

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 26, 2019
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by R. Thieke, Acting Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: C. Connery, S. Griffin, L. Macalister and R. Thieke. Excused: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: C. Connery, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: L. Macalister.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – No report
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – No report.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Vehicle access – discussion postponed to next meeting.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Work Day – scheduled Spring clean-up or April 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk – will discuss at next meeting some alternatives as well as available funds.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Work day – scheduled Spring clean-up for May 18, 2019 at 9:00. Members of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church will be assisting.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** - None

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CRMC Notices**
 - a. Reviewed application from Jeffrey and Karla Boudreau of 138 Arches Road to construct and maintain a residential 85’ fixed pier.
- B. **Additional New Business**
 - a. Land and Water Conservation Summit at URI on March 9, 2019 – R. Thieke recommended to the Commission members that they listen to the keynote speech by David Vallee concerning climate effects on our land and water (he will send link to all members). R. Thieke also mentioned that he attended the workshop on grassland maintenance and the recommendation that mowing be done the first week in May and then not until after August 1. Only trails should be cut between those dates. He will send an e-mail to Public Works about it.
 - b. Earth Fest Event in Ninigret Park on April 27, 2019 – we will have a booth again this year and members of the Commission will take turns manning it.
 - c. Annual Monitoring of Properties – will schedule a date at next meeting.
 - d. Spring Bird Walk – the Commission and Charlestown Land Trust will sponsor a walk at the Sprague Preserve on May 4, 2019 at 8:00 AM. Don Heitzmann, noted birder will lead the walk and Faith and Roe LaBossiere will host.
 - e. Wood - Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers designation was approved by Pres. Trump on March 12, 2019. The event will be celebrated on April 8, 2019 at

10:30 AM at the Wood River Access in Arcadia Management Area on Rt. 165
in Exeter, RI.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: C. Connery, S. Griffin, L. Macalister
and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on April 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Next special Conservation Commission meeting on May 15, 2019 at 2:00 Pm at Richard Trails.