

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 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, S. Griffin, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Gardiner.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Lynn Macalister also attended.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018 meeting was made by F. Safford. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: S. Griffin. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: S. Griffin and F. Safford.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Scheduled April 13th at 9:00 to walk trails and do any necessary clearing/clean-up as well as additional blazing of the trails as well as any other necessary work.
 - B. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Trails will be walked by G. Klinger and L. Macalister to determine if any clearing needs to be done at this time.
 - C. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk installation – will be installed at a mutually convenient time for F. Safford and the Public Works Dept. staff.
 - b. Scheduled April 28th at 9:00 to walk trails and do any necessary clearing/clean-up as well as any other necessary work.
 - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger reported that it is close to completion.
 - b. Boundary markers and trail work will be done in the spring once parking lot is complete.
 - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp–**
 - a. Will schedule a clean-up date in spring to remove trash.
 - F. **Richard Trails**
 - a. Trail work – C. Connery said he and G. Gardiner will do any needed clearing of the trails.
 - G. **Additional Old Business – None.**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CRMC Notice – None.**
 - B. **Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation Summit –** G. Klinger and S. Griffin said the Summit was well attended and they attended sessions on invasive plants, bird atlases, renewable energy and trail development and maintenance.
 - C. **Assessor Plate 23 – 11 -** We have received a request for an advisory opinion as to the suitability of this property for use as Open/Recreational Space. After discussion of the parcel characteristics and examination of maps, it was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that it would be a worthwhile purchase and due to the close

proximity of the existing ball fields to the north that it is more suited for Parks & Recreation uses rather than conservation purposes.

- D. **RI Green Infrastructure Coalition** - Commission reviewed the summary of their work forwarded to us.
- E. **Additional New Business**
 - a. **Well Water Workshop** – Commission will once again coordinate and sponsor this program with URI. This year the workshop will be held at the Cross Mills Library on July 17th at 6:00 PM. Sample test kits can be returned to URI representatives on July 18th at the Library. S. Griffin will be our representative this year.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Special Meeting will be on April 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Charlestown Moraine Preserve

Next regular Commission Meeting on April 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Commission Special Meeting will also be held on April 28, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Schoolhouse Pond Preserve.