

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 24, 2018
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and F. Safford.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018 meeting was made by K. Simoneau. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2018 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. C. Connery reported that he and G. Gardiner cleared all fallen or leaning trees from the trails and C. Connery will soon complete the brush cutting. R. Thieke reported that he had reblazed the trails.
 - B. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger, S. Griffin and L. Macalister walked the trails and determined that a general cutback is needed and that a number of trees had to be cleared from the trails. G. Gardiner cleared the trees and a date of May 10th at 9:00 AM has been set to do the cutting back. G. Klinger will also discuss with Public Works Dept. the schedule for cutting of the field trails this summer.
 - 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. G. Klinger reported that seven people have volunteered to help.
 - 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. K. Simoneau indicated that he would remove any trash from the side of the road abutting the Preserve.
 - F. **Richard Trails**
 - a. C. Connery reported that G. Gardiner cleared the trees fallen onto the trails...
 - G. **Additional Old Business – None.**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CRMC Notice** – R. Thieke reported receipt of a notice that John Crandall has submitted an application to construct and maintain a shellfish farm on Quonnie Pond.
 - B. **Brochure** – Tabled until May meeting.

- C. **Earth Fest** – G. Klinger staffed a booth at the event and had a number in inquiries about what we do, where the preserves are and had a number of people sign up to help with our maintenance efforts.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

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

Commission Special Meeting will be on May 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM at South Farm Preserve

Next regular Commission Meeting on May 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.