

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**April 28, 2015**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by G. Klinger, Vice - Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Excused: L. Arnold.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **Frank Glista** of the Economic Improvement Commission attended and asked if members of our Commission had been asked for a recommendation regarding the two ballot initiatives ( one for approval to issue up to \$2 million for open space purchases and (2) authority to seek a conservation easement holder for the Charlestown Moraine Preserve). We indicated that we had not been asked or consulted. **Peter Wronoski** also attended indicating that he is working with the RI Tree Council to monitor the progress of the trees planted along the road in Ninigret Park. He indicated that several of them will be replaced and also that he will be working with Frosty Drew to inventory their trees and plant some new ones.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Abstain: F. Safford. Motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015 by G. Klinger. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, F. Safford. K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Abstain: C. Connery and H. Hultgren.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. Map of Trail – R. Thieke reported that he had walked the trail with Steve McCandless, using his GPS, for the purpose of producing a map showing the trail so that as soon as the trail is cleared, we can open it to walkers. Copies of the map were distributed.
- b. Cutting of Trail – Set a date of May 16 at 9:00 AM (rain date May 17<sup>th</sup>) to work on the trail since any trees across the proposed trail, “walls” of laurel, etc. need to be cleared or openings made before the brush cutter can come in to do its’ work.
- B. **Report on Richard Trails Preserve**
- a. Map of Trails – R. Thieke reported that he had walked the trails with Steve McCandless, using his GPS, for the purpose of producing a map showing the trails that now exist on this Preserve. The original trail and recently cut one are shown as is one other which appears to be a loop and then extends onto private property. Copies of the map were distributed. Steve will produce another map excluding the trail going onto private property.
- b. Work Day – Set a date of May 20 at 4:00 PM to do work. C. Connery indicated that if he had the time, he and a friend would brush cut the parts of the newer trails that need it as well as prune back limbs on the other trails. R. Thieke will place a boundary marker on the trail leading to private property. The trail going there will be referred to as the loop trail and it will be blazed.
- C. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
- a. Work Day – none scheduled but G. Klinger indicated she would clean up the cemetery. K. Simoneau indicated that he would walk the woodland trails to do any needed pruning but if there was more winter damage than he could handle, we would schedule a work day at our next meeting.
- b. Field trails – L. Arnold was asked to contact the Public Works Dept. concerning the cutting of the north and south field trails this year.
- c. Horse baffle - tabled

D. **Lucey Property** – noted that the Town Council accepted it but that neither the Planning Commission nor our Commission have had a chance to walk the property. We will schedule a date for this at our next meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Well Water Workshop** – G. Klinger will arrange to have one in July at the Cross Mills Library.

**B. CRMC Advisory:**

a. Peter and Sarah Stevens have applied for permission to construct a residential boating facility at 8 Powaget Avenue.

C. **Arbor Day** – while the actual date has passed, the Commission members were anxious to do another event at the elementary school and C. Connery agreed to contact the principal to see if it was possible to have us plant another tree and give seedlings to each 4<sup>th</sup> grader. H. Hultgren made a motion to permit spending up to \$200 for a tree and the seedlings. 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Thieke. Aye: C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

D. **Land and Water Conservation Summit** – R. Thieke reported that it was well attended and for the first time the Governor attended. He attended sessions regarding property monitoring and easements as well as part of a session concerning DEM/Conservation Commission collaboration

**VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by K. Simoneau to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery. Aye: C. Connery, G. Klinger, H. Hultgren, K. Simoneau, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke  
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on May 26, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

Next Special Meeting:

on May 16, 2015 at the Charlestown Moraine Preserve  
on May 20, 2015 (tentative) at the Richard Trails Preserve