

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 22, 2018
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, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, F. Safford and R. Thieke.
Excused: K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Lynn Macalister and Virginia Wooten also attended the meeting. Ms. Wooten discussed with us the work of the committee seeking a federal designation through an act of the U.S. Congress as a Wild and Scenic River for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed and also an endorsement of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan. Motion to approve endorsement of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan and the recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Rivers designation through an act of the U.S. Congress was made by G. Gardiner. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and F. Safford. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery, G. Gardiner and F. Safford.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that K. Simoneau had removed trash from along the road abutting the Preserve.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. R. Thieke reported that when he was there late last week the picnic table was not there and has, apparently, been stolen.
 - b. C. Connery reported that the brush cutting and trail clearance has been completed.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger reported that the traffic cones are down and the lot completed.
 - b. Boundary/Abutters – date will be set to mark these off.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. G. Gardiner reported that trails are cleared of debris and blowdowns.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that on April 28th the trails were cleared of blowdowns and debris. She also thanks the many volunteers who came out to help.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Clean-up work there has been completed. C. Connery and G. Gardiner weed whacked around parking lot and barn. G. Klinger and S. Griffin cleaned up the cemetery and places flags for Memorial Day. Also, woodland trails have been cleared of debris and vegetation cutback along the sides.
 - b. Horses on the fields – G. Klinger reported that Travis Justice has seen people from the horse farm across the road using the parking lot as well as the north field for training purposes. G. Klinger will talk with the manager of the horse farm about that. R. Thieke will post a new “no horses” sign on the kiosk.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** – None.

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A. Brochure** – R. Thieke will consult with H. Hultgren to develop a new brochure to include the Sprague Preserve and also some information to fill in the blank page that a 4-fold brochure would have.
- B. Well Water Workshop** – G. Klinger reported that this annual event will be held on June 20th at the Cross Mills Library. S. Griffin will be our coordinator this year.
- C. Black Swallow Wort** – Lisa has placed the two traps at South Farm and we will know the results in August.
- D. Southern Pine Beetle Traps** – G. Klinger reported that Lisa will again this year place traps at Richard Trails.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on June 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.