

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 26, 2015
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Abstain: L. Arnold.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Preliminary Trail Clearing – F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke reported that they had walked the trail and cut back vegetation, cut fallen limbs and trees, etc. so that the brush cutters can get through and do the actual trail
 - b. Cutting of Trail – C. Connery will talk with Larlham to schedule a date for this work.
 - c. Kiosk – Motion by H. Hultgren to spend up to \$1700 plus shipping for a kiosk to be put in place after the parking lot is completed and trail cleared. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
 - B. **Report on Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Trail Maintenance – C. Connery reported that he did some pruning along the trails which was all that was needed at this time.
 - b. Sign Post installed on new Loop Trail – R. Thieke and C. Connery posted a boundary sign at the southwest end of the loop so that walkers do not go onto Tribal Lands. They also have a boundary marker. The Loop Trail was also blazed.
 - C. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Cemetery Clean-up – G. Klinger reported that she had cleaned up the cemetery and placed new flags on the graves of the Civil War veterans.
 - b. Woodland Trails - K. Simoneau reported that he had walked the woodland trails and done any needed pruning.
 - c. Field trails – L. Arnold reported that she had contacted the Public Works Dept. concerning the cutting of the north and south field trails this year. They were cut last week and she will ask them to cut them every two weeks throughout the growing season.
 - d. Horse baffle - tabled
 - D. **Well Water Workshop** – G. Klinger has arranged for it to be held at the Cross Mills Library on July 14th from 6 to 7 PM. Kits will be available and someone will be there the following day to pick them up for testing.
 - E. **Arbor Day** – no observation this year due to scheduling conflicts with Commission members and the Elementary School.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **Open Space Brochure** – H. Hultgren will rework it to include the Moraine Preserve.

B. CRMC Advisory:

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

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

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on June 23, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM