

**Draft CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**June 25, 2013**  
**CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, 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 May 28, 2013 by H. Hultgren. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery.  
Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay:  
None. Abstain: F. Safford.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
  1. Richard Trails
    - a. H. Hultgren and R. Thieke reported that the post, information boxes and signage had been put in place. The blazing of the trail and positioning of the birdhouses will be done in the near future. A “No Horses” sign will be added to the post.
    - b. L. Arnold reported that the area around the parking lot had been cleared by Public Works Dept. and that the picnic table had been purchased and will be painted by F. Safford. The map should be finalized soon and information about the Preserve will be placed on the reverse side and copies placed in the box.
    - c. C. Connery reported that he had used a blower to remove debris from the trail but needs to go over it again with the brush cutter and clippers.
    - d. Discussed making an additional trail and decided that it should branch off from the old Indian trail and go up the hill and across the top. This will be done in the fall when the leaf cover is gone and the GPS can be used.
    - e. H. Hultgren reported that he has taken photos of the trail and Preserve for the records.
  2. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve
    - a. Fallen birdhouse – H. Hultgren and R. Thieke will arrange to have the fallen one reinstalled and the other one put into place.
    - b. Entrance sign – L. Arnold reported that the “Open Dawn to Dusk” sign for the entrance sign has been received.
    - c. Kiosk Signage – decided that the “No ATV,” “No Motorcycles,” “No Bicycles” and “No Horses” signs will be placed in the kiosk.
  3. South Farm Preserve
    - a. L. Arnold reported that the Public Works Dept will take down the tree leaning over the barn as well as the one in front of it but leave a sufficient sized stump so as not to jeopardize the retaining wall. They will also cut the vegetation along the stone wall and we will then maintain it on a regular basis.
    - b. Hay – the fields will be cut by Public Works Dept but the timing has not yet been determined.
    - c. Sauna – Ricardo will be doing the stabilization project as soon as possible.
    - d. C. Connery reported that he has cleaned up around the parking lot and road.
    - e. Wood Trail – will widen the trail at our next work day.
  4. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp – will plan to monitor this in late September.
  5. Plants – G. Klinger reported that she and H. Hultgren planted four bushes at South Farm and Richard Trails. They are all deer proof.
  6. Comprehensive Plan Update – L. Arnold reported that she had furnished the Town Planner with a list of the Commission accomplishments since the Plan was

written in 2006 and also that the Planner will include information about the Commission in the Plan revisions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: None

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke  
Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on July 23, 2013