

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 25, 2019
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, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** G. Klinger welcomed Deborah Carney (Town Council member).
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of **May 28, 2019** meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Motion to approve the minutes of **June 1, 2019** meeting was made by L. Macalister. 2nd: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin. L. Macalister and K. Simoneau. Nay: None. Abstain: R. Thieke.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau will periodically check to see if there is any trash and clean it up.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – G. Klinger reported that there needs to be some weed whacking around the parking area and a cutback of vegetation around the road sign. It will be done shortly.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. **Cleaning parking area** – G. Klinger reported that she had cleared up trash and pulled some weeds from the parking area.
 - b. **Pine trees in field** – decided to begin clearing the trees in the near future
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger and R. Thieke had been there recently and reported all is well.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. **Kiosk** – G. Gardiner and C. Connery have gotten the material and have built the kiosk. G. Klinger will arrange with Public Works to have it installed in the near future.
 - b. **Road sign** – G. Klinger reported that Public Works Dept. has rotated the sign along the road from parallel to the road to perpendicular thus making it more visible. Some abutters are not happy with the move since they fear it will attract more visitors to the Preserve.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. **Black Swallow Wort** – Lisa Tewksbury of URI has reported that the 3 cages have not yet yielded any Hypena Opulenta adults from overwintering but hope to see some signs soon. Once that happens they will give them some time to lay eggs and then remove cages. They are also locating another cage in a shady area near the parking lot to see if they have a better result. Lisa will place a poster near the cages to explain what the project is all about.
 - b. **Mowing the trails** – G. Klinger will ask Public Works to mow the trails.
 - c. **Weed whacking** – G. Gardiner reported that he had weed whacked around the parking area and will see that the sight lines coming out of the parking lot are expanded.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** - None
 - H.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. **CRMC Notices** – None

B. **RI Land Trust Days** – R. Thieke reported that Karen Jarret, President of the Charlestown Land Trust (CLT) has asked if we were interested in co-sponsoring a walk on August 9, 2019 at the Sprague Preserve. It was decided that we had too much on our plates now to do this and G. Klinger will so advise Karen.

C. **Additional New Business**

a. **Charlestown Land Trust Farmers Market** – R. Thieke reported that he had asked Karen Jarret of CLT if we could place our Open Space brochures on their community table at the farmers market and she has readily agreed and been supplied with a number of the brochures.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by G. Griffin to adjourn. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, L. Macalister, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on July 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.