

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**June 26, 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, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018 meeting was made by G. Gardiner. 2<sup>nd</sup>: F. Safford. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve**
    - a. K. Simoneau will remove trash from along the road abutting the Preserve and fix the signpost.
  - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – all appears to be in order.
  - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Work was done to brush cut and weed whack the farm trails, post border signs and partly blaze the trails. People need to walk the trails to keep the grass down.
    - b. Trail between two branches of farm trails has been marked and will be cleared in the near future.
    - c. Consideration will be given to building steps to get visitors over the stone wall.
    - d. The kiosk built for Schoolhouse Pond will be placed here and a new one bought for there.
  - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
    - a. G. Gardiner reported that vegetation along the trails needs to be trimmed and then the trails weed whacked. G. Klinger said she would put out a notice for volunteers to help.
  - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Motion made by R. Thieke to spend up to \$2500 to purchase a new kiosk for this Preserve from Timber Homes LLC. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, F. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
  - F. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. G. Klinger asked that Public Works mow the trails which they did but they also cut the fields.
    - b. Horses on the fields – G. Klinger reported that she spoke to the person running the horse farm and they will keep horses out of the parking lot and north field but sometimes use the south field. They will also pick up any droppings.
  - G. **Additional Old Business**
    - a. Well Water Workshop – S. Griffin reported that flyers have been put up around town for the workshop which will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Cross Mills Library.
    - b. Brochure – R. Thieke reported that H. Hultgren has completed the new brochure and it is being printed.
    - c. Southern Pine Beetle Traps – G. Klinger mentioned the article in the June 18<sup>th</sup> edition of The Providence Journal regarding this beetle and, as the article stated, there has been an increase in the population at Richard Trails.

- d. Black Swallow Wort – The tests at South Farm have, so far, been a bit of a disappointment but Lisa has decided to add a third cage and hopes for better results as the season progresses.

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CRMC Notices**

- a. Application from John and Joan Crawford to make changes to a residential boating facility for their property at 300C East Beach Rd.
- b. Application from Town of Charlestown to increase surface elevations on degraded marshes near the Quonnie breach way
- c. Application from Alexander and Michelle Bea to modify an existing boating facility at 179 Warren Rd.
- d. Application from Brian Pinsky to expand an existing oyster farm to a total acres of 6.5 acres in Ninigret Pond.

**B. Advisory Opinion re parcel located at AP 23, Lot 109 (Old Road)** – considering the location of the property and its proximity to other preserved lands, motion was made by R. Thieke to recommend to the Town Council that the Town join with The Nature Conservancy in the purchase of this parcel. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin. S. Safford, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

**C. Town Council Meeting** – G. Klinger reported that she made her quarterly report to the Council on June 11<sup>th</sup>. She reported on what we have been doing on the preserves and also asked that some priority be given to updating the Town website since much of the data there is way out of date.

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on July 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.