

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**June 27, 2017**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 23, 2017 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2<sup>nd</sup>: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: S. Griffin and F. Safford. Motion to approve the June 3, 2017 minutes by G. Gardiner. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery, S. Griffin and F. Safford.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Work Project – G. Klinger reported that she will clean-up the area around the kiosk. The plantings done there last year are being overtaken by weeds.
  - B. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Picnic table near barn – C. Connery and G. Gardiner will move it to the picnic area.
    - b. June 3 Work Day – G. Klinger reported that we had four commissioners and six others attend and cleaned up the Preserve including the cemetery, along stone wall and widening the woodland trails by cutting back vegetation. C. Connery and G. Gardiner will weed whack around the parking area this week.
    - c. Trail Cutting – G. Klinger will ask Public Works Dept. to cut the trails again.
  - C. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Kiosk – F. Safford will talk with H. Hultgren and the Public Works Dept and get a date to install the kiosk.
    - b. Trail maintenance - will schedule work day at next meeting.
    - c. Maps – R. Thieke will talk with S. McCandless to get maps for kiosk.
  - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger will talk with Public Works about a date for this work to be done.
    - b. Trail map – R. Thieke will discuss with S. McCandless getting a trail map made for the kiosk and distribution to visitors.
    - c. Work to be done – agreed to meet on July 5 at 8:00 AM to determine how to block walkers from abutter property and what needs to be done to cut a diversion trail.
  - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**– K. Simoneau reported that the sign has been repaired.
  - F. **Richard Trails** – C. Connery and G. Gardiner will weed whack the trails Wednesday.
  - G. **Additional Old Business**
    - a. G. Klinger welcomed S. Griffin as the newest member of the Commission.
    - b. Well Water Workshop – G. Klinger reported that 44 people attended and 21 water testing kits were distributed.
    - c. Aquaculture Information Session at URI – cancelled.

**VI NEW BUSINESS – None.**

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on July 25, 2017 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

Next Special Commission Meeting on July 5, 2017 at 8:00 AM, weather permitting, at the Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve.