

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 28, 2016
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Excused: H. Hultgren and K. Simoneau
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016 by F. Safford. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Grand opening scheduled for July 9 at 11:00 AM. Town will provide refreshments. The public and area non-profits have been invited to attend. Two ornamental grass plants will be planted by the kiosk as a belated Arbor Day observance.
 - b. Signage and kiosk installation – F. Safford will schedule a time and date for this with Public Works Dept.
 - c. Birdhouses – will be put in place soon after the opening.
 - d. Trails – final clearing will be completed on July 2 at 2:00 PM.
 - e. Maps and open space brochures will be placed in the kiosk.
 - f. Opening program – Welcome by L. Arnold, remarks by T. Gentz, opening ribbon cutting (Arnold and Gentz), planting of grasses (Hultgren), trail comments (Thieke), trail walks.
 - g. Police Assistance – L. Arnold will discuss with the Town Administrator the need for police assistance due to people parking long Kings Factory Road.
 - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Trail – L. Arnold reported that Public Works Dept. had cut the trails.
 - b. Weed Whacking – C. Connery reported that he and his brother weed whacked around the parking area and road sign and along the road.
 - c. Benches – installation will be scheduled at next Commission meeting.
 - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Signage - F. Safford will arrange for Public Works to install the road sign when they do the one for the Moraine. Kiosk will be installed later.
 - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Commission members will walk the property on July 15 at 9:30 AM to determine location of parking area and connecting trail and, if time permits, brush cut that trail and also the one that needs to be redirected because it infringes on abutter property.
 - b. Kiosk and picnic table – discussion postponed to next meeting.
 - c. After trail cut two “Town of Charlestown Open Space” signs will be installed along Railroad Ave. and a box with maps and open space brochures put in place until a kiosk is installed.
 - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**
 - a. F. Safford will replace cap on one sign post.
 - F. **Well Water Workshop**
 - a. It is scheduled for July 12 at 6:00 PM at Cross Mills Library.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

CRMC Notice that they are considering an application for a 2 acre winter storage aquaculture site from East Beach Farms LLC to be located adjacent to Ninigret Landing Marina and Mud Cove.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on July 26, 2016 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM