

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 25, 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 and R. Thieke. Excused: F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None...
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2017 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Motion to approve the July 5, 2017 minutes by G. Gardiner. 2nd: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. Trail Maintenance – will be done in the fall.
- B. South Farm Preserve**
- a. Trail Cutting – G. Klinger will discuss with Public Works Dept. whether to cut the trails again and consider not cutting the fields for another month or do it all now.
- C. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
- a. Kiosk – tabled to next meeting
- b. Trail maintenance - will schedule work day for when kiosk installed.
- c. Maps – Maps for kiosk have been obtained.
- D. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
- a. Parking Lot – G. Klinger spoke with Public Works and the lot will be done after they complete road paving in various parts of Town.
- b. Trail map – R. Thieke has discussed with S. McCandless getting a trail map made for the kiosk and distribution to visitors. Due to tree canopy that cannot be done until leaves are off the trees.
- c. Work to be done and meeting with Town Administrator – G. Klinger reported that she met with the Town Administrator and as a result of that meeting, the Commission decided to do the following:
- Cut off the trail from the Sprague property at the property boundary with boulders.
- Cut off trail where it enters Smith property directing people to diversion trail.
- Cut off trail onto Smith property where it enters the field with boulders and cut a new trail around the markers to the new trail we will create and place boundary markers along it.
- Get survey map from surveyor – have messages into him but no reply.
- Get Dowdell Engineering to certify boundary markers.
- E. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**– No report.
- F. Richard Trails**
- a. Trail Maintenance – will be done in the fall.
- G. Additional Old Business**
- a. Black Swallow wort – G. Klinger reported that Lisa Tewksbury has informed her that the proposal to handle black swallow wort has been placed in the Federal Register with a comment period until mid-August. We agreed to place the following comment in the Register “The Charlestown RI Conservation

Commission is strongly in favor of the release. We have a serious black swallow wort problem on two of our preserves and have been in contact with the people at URI working on the issue for several years. We heartedly encourage approval of the release.”

VI NEW BUSINESS

- a. CRMC Notice – noted receipt of a notice concerning a request from the Fort Ninigret Waterfront Association to construct and maintain a residential boating facility.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2nd: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on August 22, 2017 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM