

# CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 28, 2020

Charlestown Town Hall – Council Chambers  
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, L. Macalister, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and G. Gardiner.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney, Town Council Vice President attended
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of June 23,2020 made by S. Griffin. 2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Macalister. Aye: G. Klinger, L. Macalister, S. Griffin and R. Thieke Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau to periodically monitor and remove trash.
  - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. G. Klinger reported that Larlham will be brush cutting the west trail on Friday morning and C. Connery and/or G. Gardiner will monitor.
  - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Access for equipment – C. Connery and G. Gardiner will meet at the Preserve tomorrow morning when Larlham will open the stone wall and fill in the side of the hill to allow equipment into the Preserve.
    - b. C. Connery and G. Gardiner will do some weed whacking in preparation for Larlham coming in to do some trail work and also remove the five dead trees in the parking area.
  - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
    - a. R. Thieke reported that he and K. Simoneau had re-blazed the trails making the one starting and ending at the parking lot the blue trail. The one going up the hill from the old Indian trail the red one and the one going toward the private property the pink one. He will contact S. McCandless at Town Hall to get the map on the website updated.
    - b. Trail work – the new red trail needs to be brush cut and we will ask Larlham to do the work.
  - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. R. Thieke reported that based on the number of maps he has placed in the kiosk; the Preserve is getting a large number of visitors.
  - F. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Black Swallow-wort – G. Klinger reported that URI has had some activity and will send us a report as soon as the data is fully analyzed.
    - b. The cemetery and the parking lot perimeter need to be cleaned up of branches and weed-whacked. The sign and area around it are covered with poison ivy and G. Klinger will look into getting it professionally removed since Commission members are reluctant to take on such a large patch.
  - G. **Additional Old Business**
    - a. Parking areas at all the preserves could use some clean-up and it will be done when it gets a bit cooler.

VI

NEW BUSINESS

A. **CRMC Notices** – None

B. **Well Water Workshop** – will be held on Zoom in September. S. Griffin will report when a definite date is established and how test kits will be distributed and collected.

C. **Additional New Business**

1. Information has been received from Joe Onorato at Water and Wetlands (aquatic specialists). It will be retained for use if needed.

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on August 25 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.