

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 7, 2015
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk – it has been received from Timberhouses LLC in Vershire, VT and will be stored in F. Safford’s garage until the parking lot is completed.
 - b. Cutting of Trail – R. Thieke reported on behalf of C. Connery that he and a friend will walk the proposed trail and put up additional markers and he will also talk with Matt Larlham to schedule a date for the trail cutting work.
 - B. **Report on Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Ryan St. Laurent will be conducting nighttime moth surveys near the patches of pitch pine/scrub oak barrens which may support Lepidoptera.
 - b. Maintenance – it was decided that nothing currently needs to be done.
 - C. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. The fields have been mowed by the Public Works Dept.
 - b. C. Connery has weed whacked around the parking and other areas.
 - c. H. Hultgren has fixed all the information displayed in the kiosk.
 - D. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Installation of the kiosk and new roadside sign will be coordinated with the installation of the kiosk and roadside sign at the Moraine.
 - E. **Open Space Brochure**
 - a. H. Hultgren has revised and added new information to the brochure to include more information about the five town owned preserves.
 - b. The brochure title has been changed from “Charlestown Outdoor Family Activities” to “Charlestown Open Space Properties.”
 - c. Motion to approve up to \$350 plus shipping to have new brochures printed by G. Klinger. 2nd: F. Safford. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **Letter of Support** – G. Klinger, in support of a grant application to improve the RI Private Well Program, wrote a letter indicating how happy the Commission was with the program that we have been sponsoring for the last number of years.
 - B. **Free Private Well Workshop** – G. Klinger reminded us that this will be held this year on July 14th from 6 to 7 PM at the Cross Mills Library. It is hosted by the Conservation

Commission and conducted by URI Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program and RI Dept. of Health.

C. CRMC Advisory:

- a. For a residential boating facility at 218 Hoxsie Avenue by James Grasso.
- b. For a one acre oyster aquaculture site on Quonochontaug Pond by Christopher Johnson and Jen Scappatura.
- c. For a 14.95 acre oyster farm in Ninigret Pond – bottom planted oysters would be year-round on 4.27 acres and a seasonal area for cages of oysters for winter storage by Nick Papa.

D. Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions – Motion by G. Klinger to approve expenditure of \$100 for annual dues. 2nd: H. Hultgren. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, F. Safford and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on July 28, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM