

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 25, 2015
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery, F. Safford and K. Simoneau
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2015 by H. Hultgren. 2nd: L. Arnold. Aye: L. Arnold, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Klinger.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. Cutting of Trail – G. Klinger reported for C. Connery that he, a friend and Steve McCandless will see that the proposed trail is thoroughly marked on September 14th so that Larham can brush cut the trail on the 16th.
 - b. Parking Lot – L. Arnold will contact Public Works about the timing of putting in the parking lot.
 - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Maintenance – trails need to be cut and L. Arnold will contact Public Works Dept. to schedule and also have them look at the tree along the road that was partially felled in the recent storm to ascertain if it is sufficiently compromised to require removal. We will set a date to clear the woodland trails of fallen trees/limbs when we know the availability of Commission members with chainsaws.
 - b. Parking Lot stone – it has been placed back but in the process broke into two pieces and we will straighten it out on our workday.
 - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Trail Inspection – H. Hultgren will do this work shortly and also do the annual monitoring of the Preserve.
 - D. **Open Space Brochure**
 - a. Copies were distributed to members of the Commission for placement around Town...
 - E. **Potable Water Workshop Group**
 - a. Town Council approved making a member of the Commission part of this group and L. Arnold appointed H. Hultgren to be our representative and his appointment was met with unanimous approval.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **CRMC Advisory**
 - a. For a request from John Roberts to create and maintain a 2.3 acre oyster farm in Ninigret Pond.
 - B. **Meeting with Charlestown Land Trust members**
 - a. L. Arnold and R. Thieke reported that they met with Karen Jarret and Russ Ricci to talk about ways we might work together. Agreed the focus should be on watershed areas and important properties in their vicinity.

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

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N Thieke
Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on September 22, 2015 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM