

# CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 25, 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, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Excused: L. Macalister.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney, Town Council Vice President attended
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 made by S. Griffin.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, K. Simoneau, S. Griffin and R. Thieke Nay: None.  
Abstain: C. Connery and G. Gardiner.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau reported that he had just cleaned up along the road filling a large bag with trash.
  - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. C. Connery and G. Gardiner reported that Larlham went in to cut the western trail but their machine was too large to complete the job and that they will finish it with hand-held brush cutters.
  - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Access for equipment – G. Gardiner reported that Larlham completed the opening in the stone wall, graded the path and also did some filling in by the kiosk. They also cut the trails and around the field.
    - b. Tree removal in and around parking area – this work will be done in September by Larlham.
  - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
    - a. Trail work – C. Connery reported that he and G. Gardiner brush cut the trails this morning. G. Gardiner reported that there is a tree down across the one trail and that he will remove it.
  - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Trails will be walked and any necessary work done sometime in September.
  - F. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Poison Ivy – G. Klinger reported that all the poison ivy around the sign has been removed professionally
    - b. The cemetery and the parking lot area have been cleared by someone; we assume by Public Works personnel as part of their cutting of the trails.
    - c. Downed trees – The tree on the woodland trail will be removed but the one behind the barn left as is.
  - G. **Additional Old Business**
    - a. AllTrailsRI information – G. Klinger reported that L. Macalister has added additional information to our maps and information already on the site.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **CRMC Notices** – None
  - B. **Well Water Workshop** – G. Klinger reported that due to the virus there will be an on-line workshop on November 10 rather than our in person annual one.

**C. Additional New Business**

1. Deb Carney commented on the well-done performance by S. Griffin on the annual Cross Mills Library Garden Tour done virtually this year.

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

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on September 22 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

**APPROVED SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**