

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**August 27, 2019**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and L. Macalister.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** G. Klinger welcomed Deborah Carney (Town Council member).
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019 meeting with the addition of the word beachfront to section VII,A line 3 was made by G. Gardiner. 2<sup>nd</sup>: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau painted the support columns for the sign and also installed solar copper caps.
  - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – G. Klinger reported that there needs to be some weed whacking around the parking area and a cutback of vegetation around the road sign. G. Gardiner and C. Connery will talk about the trails to determine if any work needs to be done.
  - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. **Trail clearing** – G. Gardiner and C. Connery weed whacked the trails in anticipation of the Charlestown Land Trust (CLT) hosted walk by members of the RI Land Trust Council and in appreciation gave them each a tee shirt.
    - b. **Pine trees in field** – G. Gardiner, C. Connery and K. Simoneau will begin clearing tomorrow. Some trees will be left but the majority removed.
    - c. **RI Land Trust Council Walk** – 40 people took the walk - most of which were from land trusts from northern RI. Karen Jarret (CLT president) reported that there is a wasp nest near the kiosk roof and G. Gardiner will look at it to determine how best to remove it.
    - d. **Plant Species seen on the Preserve** – Karen Jarret (CLT) has given us a list of the various plants on the Preserve and we will place that information in the kiosk.
  - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
    - a. Will set a date at next meeting to check preserve and do any work necessary.
  - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. **Kiosk** – has been installed and R. Thieke will get a box to attach to kiosk for trail maps.
    - b. **Property Boundary** – The area has been resurveyed and our road sign and kiosk are properly placed and the boundary by the parking area marked.
  - F. **South Farm Preserve**
    - a. **Mowing the trails** – G. Klinger will ask that Public Works mow the trails.
    - b. **Fall Clean-up** – will hold on October 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
  - G. **Additional Old Business** -
    - a. **Town Owned Beach Front Properties** – D. Carney and G. Klinger reported that the Town Council discussed the issue and have asked the Town Administrator to determine to cost of resurveying these properties since any markers have been lost due to storms, especially Sandy. The Council will talk further at their next meeting.

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

A. **CRMC Notices** – None

**B. Additional New Business**

- a. **Beach Access** – D. Carney reported that the Town Council passed a resolution asking the State to pass a law stating just where private property ends and public access begins along the beaches.

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

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on September 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.