

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 28, 2018
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin and R. Thieke.
Excused: G. Gardiner, F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve**
 - a. Trash from along the road abutting the Preserve has been removed.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. The area around the parking area and sign were cleaned up by G. and F. Klinger
 - b. On September 10th at 8:30 AM we will meet for a check of the trails and do any required clean-up. G. Klinger will let the Friends of Conservation know and if too large a group show up, we will split up and some go to South Farm.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Official opening we held on Aug 26th and 62 people attended. G. Klinger, B. Van Slyke and K. Jarret spoke and they cut a ribbon opening the trail which many walked.
 - b. The road sign was put in place on Aug 23 as was the kiosk. R. Thieke and H. Hultgren will meet and put the doors and shingles on the kiosk in the near future.
 - c. Mark Sprague and commission members walked a proposed trail going near the river. There are some concerns about the wet areas encountered and there will be further consideration done before finalizing a decision on this trail.
 - d. R. Thieke reported that S. McCandless had cleared the trail around the large field. G. Klinger and R. Thieke both called to thank him for the effort.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. L. Macalister cleaned up around the parking lot and G. Klinger, S. Griffin and K. Simoneau cutback around the trails.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Will schedule a workday when we know the kiosk will be delivered.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. On Sep 24th at 8:30 AM we will meet for a check of the trails, clean-up around the parking area and sign and do any other required clean-up. G. Klinger will notify Friends of Conservation.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. Brochure – S. Griffin made a motion to approve reimbursement to R. Thieke for \$385.94 which he paid to have 2500 copies of the new brochures printed. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CRMC Notices** – Noted application from RI DEM to construct and maintain a 0.67 acre restoration area in the eastern shellfish spanning sanctuary in Quonochontaug Pond.

B. Town Website Profile

- a. G. Klinger discussed with B. Van Slyke the changes we would like made to our portion of the town website. The site is now being totally redone so it will take some time to put the changes in.

C. Additional New Business

- a. South Farm Brochure – R. Thieke reported that we are running out of copies. G. Klinger will contact the printer and arrange for more copies to be produced.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2nd: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on September 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

There will be a special meeting on September 10, 2018 at 8:30 AM at Charlestown Moraine Preserve.

There will be a special meeting on September 24, 2018 at 8:30 AM at South Farm Preserve