

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 23, 2014
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger and R. Thieke.
Excused: H. Hultgren, F. Safford and K. Simoneau
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2014 G. Klinger. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain:
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
- a. L. Arnold reported that we had received an estimate for the clearing of the trail that has been laid out on the eastern portion of the Preserve. She will discuss it with the Town Administrator.
- B. **South Farm Preserve**
- a. Maintenance – a work date of October 22 at 9:00 AM was scheduled for the purpose of general clean-up as well as cutting down of vegetation along the stone walls near the horse entrance to the Preserve, weed-whack around the barn walls and in other areas.
- b. L. Arnold has asked the Public Works Dept. if they would be able to cut the trails on the north and south fields every few weeks and has provided them with a map of the trails involved and approximate time it would take to do the job.
- c. Horses – R Thieke will place a sign at the entrance to the parking area indicating no horse are to come through that area.
- C. **Richard Trails**
- a. C. Connery has completed the clearing of the new trail.
- b. R. Thieke will complete the blazing of it and place copies of a new hand-drawn map showing the new trail in the box at the trails entrance. The first trail is considered “easy” and the new one as “moderately difficult”
- c. L. Arnold will ask the Town to provide us with an official map showing the exact trail location once they can get in there with their GPS.
- D. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve** - tabled
- E. **Monitoring Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp** – L. Arnold and G. Klinger monitored the property on September 28th and cleaned the signs along the road, noted that the white cedars appeared to be stress free and had some new growth and that there was no obvious water level in the swamp due to the lack of rain. They also noted deer and other animal paths and that there were two fruit bearing trees. They also noted trash along the Route 1A side of the Preserve and that one copper cap is missing from one of the signs.
- F. **Report – Affordable Housing Commission** – tabled
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **Grand opening of Pawaget Park (formerly Mud Cove)** – this will take place on October 3 at 1:30 PM and the members of the Commission have been invited to attend.

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

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke
Secretary

Work Day at South Farm Preserve on October 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

Next regular meeting of the Commission at Town Hall will be on October 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM.