

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 24, 2013**  
**CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Excused: F. Safford, H. Hultgren
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2013 by G. Klinger. 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Connery.  
Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: K. Simoneau.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
1. South Farm Preserve
    - a. Work day scheduled for September 28, 2013 when members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will help with several projects including removal of overgrowth from stone wall along old kitchen garden, brush along Old Coach Road wall, widening Boy Scout Trail, barn window repair and general maintenance.
    - b. C. Connery reported that he had weed whacked around the parking area and along Old Coach Rd between the driveways.
    - c. Sauna – further repair is needed to the area of and around the firebox and R. Thieke made a motion to spend up to \$500 to have Ricardo Spence make the repairs. 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
    - d. Flowers – G. Klinger indicated she will be planting more daffodil bulbs in the area to the left of the barn.
  2. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve
    - a. Trail maintenance, birdhouse installation and re-blazing trails – scheduled a work day for October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30.
  3. Richard Trails
    - a. Trail maintenance – C. Connery reported that he had done this work.
    - c. Birdhouses – will be installed in February.
    - d. Boundary Signs – have been received and will be put in place in November when the tree canopy is gone and the GPS can be used.
    - e. Additional Trails – will be done when boundary signs are installed.
  4. Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 186 – It was noted that the purchase of this property by the Town has been completed but no decision has been made yet as to a conservation easement or which Town commission it will be assigned to for monitoring and maintenance purposes
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: Message has been receive from F. LaBossiere concerning styrofoam usage and whether the commission would consider sponsoring an ordinance banning it in Town. It was felt that the issue did not require an ordinance but rather a periodic reminder to the public not to litter.
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:  
Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.  
  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke  
Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on October 22, 2013

Next Special Meeting of the Commission will be held on September 28, 2013 at 9:00 AM at South Farm Preserve