

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 24, 2019
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, L. Macalister and K. Simoneau. Excused: R. Thieke.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** G. Klinger welcomed Bill Dumke a new fulltime Charlestown resident.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2019 made by K. Simoneau. 2nd: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and K. Simoneau. Nay: None. Abstain: C. Connery and L. Macalister.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau will continue to periodically monitor and remove trash.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE any future trail maintenance has been postponed until further notice or after the first frost of the season.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. **Pine trees in field** – Much progress has been made. G. Klinger, S. Griffin and volunteers D. Carney, T. Ellis, S. Williams, E. Dupont and B. Degnan removed invasive pine and autumn olive trees from the field and placed them around the perimeter of the field as habitat and cover for wildlife.
 - b. Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE any future trail maintenance has been postponed until further notice or after the first frost of the season. The September 21 workday was cancelled.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE any future trail maintenance has been postponed until further notice or after the first frost of the season.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. **Kiosk** – R. Thieke attached a box to the kiosk for trail maps.
 - b. Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE any future trail maintenance has been postponed until further notice or after the first frost of the season.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. **Mowing the trails** – G. Klinger said Public Works will mow the trails after September 30.
 - b. Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE any future trail maintenance has been postponed until further notice or after the first frost of the season. The October 5th workday has therefore been cancelled.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** -
 - a. **Town Owned Beach Front Properties** –Town Administrator has not yet determined the cost of resurveying these properties since any markers have been lost due to storms, especially Sandy.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. **CRMC Notices** – None

B. Additional New Business

- a. Meeting will be held on October 5, 2019 to discuss lands worth future protection and G. Klinger and R. Thieke will attend.
- b. Revisions to State freshwater wetland rules – Commission believes this does not apply to our properties so there were no comments.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. G. Klinger has made copies of the DEM advisory on EEE and will place them at all Commission managed properties.
- b. Discussion of the need for a larger access for equipment at Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve as well as a safer access through the stone wall across the trail.

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2nd: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, L. Macalister and K. Simoneau. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Macalister, Acting Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on October 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.