

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 25, 2012**  
**CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by L. Arnold, Chair.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Excused: F. Safford
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012 by H. Hultgren. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Klinger.  
Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke.  
Nay: None.  
Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 22, 2012 by K. Simoneau. 2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Arnold. Aye: L. Arnold, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:  
Reports from Commissioners
1. South Farm Preserve
    - a. Nick Wollenberg Eagle Scout Project – L. Arnold has not been able to confirm with Nick when he will be doing the project on the barn.
  2. Richard Trails
    - a. Lay Out, Develop Trail and Monitor – Tentatively set for November 10, 2012 from 9:00 to noon dependent on the extent of the tree canopy and the ability to use the GPS. Rain date – November 11, 2012.
    - b. Maps – L. Arnold brought the maps of the preserve to the meeting and there was discussion of where the first trail should be; namely, from the parking lot to and along the Old Indian Trail and then back to the parking lot.
  3. Affordable Housing Committee – no discussion.
  4. Geo-caching - H. Hultgren contacted K. Browning about switching the registration of the site from her to him.
  5. Monitoring of 16 Town-Owned Open Space Properties – will be monitored on December 8, 2012 starting at 9:00 AM. Rain date December 9, 2012..
  6. Fall Programs – discussed possible walks and other programs to attract people to the town-owned preserves and decided there was too much else going on to adequately prepare and we will consider some programs for the spring.
  7. YMCA – K. Simoneau reported that the property has been sold to private individuals.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
1. iPads – L. Arnold indicated that the Acting Town Administrator asked if commission members had a need for them and it was agreed that we did not.
  2. Recreational Trail Grants – Richard Trail – it was decided that we did not need to apply for one for this project since we will only be laying out and clearing one trail and that it is not complicated enough to warrant applying for a grant. South Farm – at some future date we will consider applying for a grant to develop a handicapped trail here.
  3. Town Council Request for Advisory Opinion for the Church Woods Project – reviewed the material sent to us and decided to do a site walk on October 5 at 9:30 AM so that we may render our opinion from a conservation perspective.
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:  
A. Motion by H. Hultgren to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: K. Simoneau. Aye: L. Arnold, C. Connery, H. Hultgren, G. Klinger, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission meeting will be held on October 23, 2012  
Next special Commission meeting will be held on October 5, 2012