

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 25, 2018
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and R. Thieke.
Excused: F. Safford and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** L. Macalister attended.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Gardiner.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – no report.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. The clean-up scheduled for September 10th was rained out and was rescheduled for October 20th at 10:00 AM.
 - b. G. Gardiner reported a tree down across the trail and he will remove it.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that K. Jarret of Charlestown Land Trust (CLT) informed her that two trail walkers saw a black jeep on the trails and evidence they had been on the field trail. Incident was reported and the Preserve will be monitored by us and CLT members for any further incidents
 - b. The kiosk is in place and, temporally, a mailbox there holding maps. R. Thieke and H. Hultgren will shortly put the backing and shingle roof on the kiosk.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve** – no report.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Will schedule a workday when the kiosk is delivered.
 - b. Decided kiosk will be placed at the far end of the parking lot just off the road.
 - c. Consideration will be given to adding a small parking area halfway between the one by the road and the one by the pond where the trail starts. That would be where the trail ends.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. R. Thieke reported that he, S. Griffin and F. Topping met on September 24th and cleared the vines growing on the signs and also picked up trash and then trimmed back vegetation along the woodland trails.
 - b. C. Connery and G. Gardiner will brush cut where needed along the woodland trails.
 - c. G. Klinger will talk with the horse farm manager about the use of the woodland trails by some of their riders. It is not permitted and so posted.
 - d. G. Klinger will see if the report on the black swallow wort experiment is available and, if not, when.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. Brochure – new brochure has been received and distributed to various places around town.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CRMC Notices** – Richard and Cheryl Chase have applied to extend their existing residential boat dock on Quonnie Pond.

B. Additional New Business

- a. G. Klinger reported a new policy regarding charging at Pat's Power. Going forward each purchase for Commission business must be signed for by the purchaser.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on October 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

There will be a special meeting on October 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Charlestown Moraine Preserve.