

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**Charlestown Town Hall**  
**4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by G. Klinger, Vice-Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Excused: L. Arnold, F. Safford and K. Simoneau
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 was tabled.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Report on Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
    - a. Picnic tables – will research ways to mark the tables indelibly with notation that they are Town owned property. R. Thieke will check with Public Works Dept. to see what they suggest
  - B. **Report on South Farm Preserve**
    - a. Broken barn windows – R Thieke reported that he and H. Hultgren had repaired the windows.
    - b. Weed Whacking – C. Connery and his friend G. Granger weed whacked around parking area, kiosk and picnic area as well as the cemetery and barn.
    - c. Benches – installation will be scheduled in the future after a method is found to indelibly mark them as Town owned property.
    - d. Picnic table near barn – will move it to the picnic area near kiosk on next work date.
    - e. Walking woodland trails – members will do this at time of their choosing to see what work might need to be done.
  - C. **Report on Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
    - a. Kiosk – tabled discussion of installation date to next meeting.
    - b. Geocaching – R. Thieke reported that Jim Cole who has been looking after that for the Commission has moved to Florida.
  - D. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
    - a. Connecting trail – On Oct 5 starting at 9 AM, C. Connery and R. Thieke will mark and brush cut a trail from the road to the existing farm trail and also the new trail section needed to avoid using the existing trail through abutter property.
    - b. Kiosk and picnic table – discussion postponed until parking lot installed.
    - c. Parking Lot – R. Thieke will request that Public Works Dept. give us their opinion as to parking lot location for 4 cars.
  - E. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp**
    - a. F. Safford has the roadside sign that was taken down and will reinstall it.
  - E. **Richard Trails**
    - a. Another trail – discussion deferred until October meeting
    - b. Trail maintenance – will be done in conjunction with creating another trail.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Moraine trail for western section**
    - a. Will schedule a date to mark it at our October meeting
  - B. **Volunteer Help**

- a. Since we now have six major properties to look after and maintain, H. Hultgren and G. Klinger will contact a few organizations who have indicated a willingness to help on these types of projects for help doing trail and other maintenance in conjunction with Commission members. A work date is planned for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Charlestown Moraine.

**VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by C. Connery to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Hultgren. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, H. Hultgren and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard N Thieke, Secretary

Next Commission Meeting on October 25, 2016 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM