

MINUTES
CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present – Lynn Macalister, Shirley Griffin, Gary Gardiner, Anthony Feisthamel.
Excused – Charles Connery, Silvermoon LaRose, Karen Baldyga
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING:** One edit was noted. Gary Gardiner made motion to approve the minutes as amended and Anthony Feisthamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve -**
A. Feisthamel is addressing the knotweed.
- B. Charlestown Moraine Preserve –**
Cost for storm damage was \$937.50 for 15 trees
(\$4442 for all Preserves combined – approximately 49 trees by Larlham)
- C. Richard Trails Preserve –**
Cost for storm damage was \$937.50 for 9 trees
L. Macalister will address signage for no dumping
- D. South Farm Preserve –**
Cost for storm damage was \$937.50 for 3 trees
- E. Patricia Sprague Preserve –**
1. Cost for storm damage was \$690 for 8 trees
2. Fireplace demolition has been changed to monitoring
3. River Trail will be left as is. Revisit at a later time.
4. G. Gardiner made a motion for Larlham to remove farm debris in field up to \$3500. A. Feisthamel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve –**
1. Cost for storm damage was \$937.50 for 14 trees
2. Trail maintenance morning scheduled for October 2, 2021 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

3. L. Macalister will document incidents of campsites, camp fires and target shooting and send to Town Administrator.

G. Draft Preserve Monitoring and Maintenance Document

Item tabled for discussion at October's meeting.

H. Coastal Pond Commission

There was no meeting this month. Next meeting is October 4, 2021.

i. Conservation Commission Facebook Page

S. LaRose will be asked to post information for trail cleanup at Schoolhouse Pond

VI. ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS:

A. Tucker Preserve

Informed by Guest Deb Carney that the Town had closed on the property on September 30, 2021.

B. Preliminary discussion regarding the need for a part time town support person to help the commission with the maintenance and monitoring of the six town owned preserves as well as development of our newest preserve.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Kassi Donnelly from the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association is asking if we are interested in contributing photos and facts for a promotional story map of the WP Watershed which they will share with others for grant writing and donor outreach. Discussion occurred. Lynn will work with her on the project.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by G. Gardiner. Motion seconded by A. Feisthamel and unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on **October 28 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The public is welcome to any meeting of the Charlestown Conservation Commission. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact 401-364-1210 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.