

Final Minutes

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 26, 2023

Town Hall Town Council Chambers

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Lynn Macalister called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Nicholas Testa, Steve Williams, Lynn Macalister, Silvermoon LaRose; Excused: Shirley Griffin
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Karen Baldyga
- IV. **TOWN COUNCIL LIASON TO THE COMMISSION REMARKS:** Grace Klinger
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September minutes will be provided by Shirley upon her return, she is away, will vote on approval of those minutes next month
- VI. **REPORTS:** Discussion and/or Potential Action(s), Announcement(s) And/or Vote(s)
 1. Social Media - 737 Followers on facebook; Request for ccc to do a table at the holiday ramble, suggested to create a QR code magnet for trail information to give away; Silvermoon take first shift, Nick second, Lynn third; Nick made a motion to purchase magnets for give away materials at events, Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Preserve monitoring, management and/or maintenance of:
 - Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve - sign fading, will need to be replaced in the future
 - Charlestown Moraine Preserve - Steve and Lynn blazed the trail and cleaned trash; DPW hauled away trashed equipment that was left there immediately
 - Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve - Dirt bikes used on trails are tearing up the trails; Grace recommended contacting Charlestown police chief and they can possibly reach out to neighbors; Lynn to call
 - Richard Trails Preserve - Steve walked and it was in good shape
 - Schoolhouse Pond Preserve - Community cleanup was not possible this year, will need to work on outreach and organization of cleanup needs so we can do this in the spring; there is a boat left at this location, will mention to the Police chief
 - South Farm Preserve - Back trail groomed by Steve, will need to address ATV use on this location, will again mention to the Police chief; Lynn will ask DPW about putting boulders where entry points appear to be
 - Tucker Woods Preserve - Invasives on the property, many autumn olives and sumac, Nick recommends having equipment come and remove these trees and then he volunteers to come and remove any shoots. Lynn will investigate how to safely enter the property to remove and look into getting an estimate for the work.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS** – Discussion and/or Potential Action(s), Announcement(s) And/or Vote(s)
 1. Changes to CCC enabling legislation - discussed, no action
 2. Brochures - being readied to go to the printer
 3. New maps - awaiting response from Steve McCandless to go forward, no rush
 4. Signs - Ordered 25 signs, \$178 expended, need to get 5 posts at \$34, will have many leftover to replace as needed
 5. Tucker and Richard preserve Kiosks - signboard covers will be approximately \$700 for both with shipping. This may be an overestimate.
 6. Other - none
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS** Discussion And/or Potential Action(s), Announcement(s) And/or Vote(s)
 1. 2024/25 budget - reviewed activities

2. Approve 2024 schedule of monthly meetings - Nick made a motion to approve the 2024 schedule of monthly meetings with change of November and December dates to be one meeting on December 5, 2024. Silvermoon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Other - Jeff Allen put equipment used by CCC in trailer at Ninigret park and CCC has access to it when needed

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** - Steve made a motion to adjourn. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Silvermoon LaRose, Secretary Charlestown Conservation Commission

**The next regular meeting will be held Thursday DECEMBER 7, 2023 7:00 pm Charlestown Town Hall
Council Chambers**

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