

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FOR OCTOBER 27, 2022**

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m.

Attendees: Charlie Connery, Karen, Anthony Feisthamel, Lynn McCallister, Shirley Griffin

Guests: Grace Klinger, Kathy Gibson

OLD BUSINESS:

Tucker Woods:

Nick declined our offer of gas for use of mowing at the Preserve

Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp:

Invasive work has been tabled until the spring, potentially March meeting.

Morraine:

\$2160 quoted for work by Larlham. Lynn will clarify width of path with them. Path should be 4' wide.

PATRICIA SPRAGUE PRESERVE:

Tree was reported down by Colleen Poe after the Lookout.

Clean-up that was scheduled for October 8, 2022 had to be cancelled due to illness.

Charlestown Land Trust interested in Turkey Trot on November 25th. Time tbd. We will promote on our Facebook as a cooperative effort.

RICHARD TRAIL:

Three trees to be cleared from the path. Lynn has received the estimat, and she will schedule it with Larlham.

Work that has been completed:

Lynn and Shirley cutback and lopped the trails.

Charlie brush cut

Karen re-did some of the blue blazes and put up arrows.

Pink and red trails needs some re-blazing. Karen will take care of it.

Additional brush cutter needed

Pink trail at back of property is difficult to navigate on the downward slope. Charlie and Anthony and Lynn will temporarily close the pink trail at that point until a remedy can be determined.

They will assess if there is a different way to circumvent the problem area.

SCHOOLHOUSE POND:

Debris has been picked up.
Charlie removed a fallen tree

SOUTH FARM PRESERVE:

Maps are there
Parking lot is clear
Mowing is complete

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS Discussion and possible actions:

Lynn and Shirley met with Matt Dowling, Steve McCandless and Mark Stankiewicz on October 5th regarding URI intern on selected commission tasks.

Lynn has drawn up a description of what we need. It will be sent to URI professors in the for further assessment.

INSERT INFO HERE FOR MOTION FROM KAREN AND ANTHONY

Wild Land Fire Risk report should only be produced at the behest of the Town Council.

Facebook page 588 followers. Latest posts 29 likes and 6 shares.

Coastal Ponds are still missing two forms to dredge, however, because it is an opt- out, it should be moving forward.

Lot 29.43.1 Maple Lake LLC. Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Rescheduling November meeting to Thursday, December 8, 2022 meeting date. This will be the last meeting of the year. Anthony motioned, Karen seconded.

2023 meetings will continue to be the 4th Thursday of the month. There will be no November meeting and the December meeting will be held Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Community Resilience Building Workshop was attended by Lynn. The various groups got together to list priorities for the future of planning for the Town.

CCC has a Pesticide General Permit.

Public hearing Nov 2, 2022 regarding proposed amendments to the Charlestown Land Development and Subdivision Regulations.

Additional New Business:

Motion to invite Laken Canoe to talk about his research studies that he has done on our preserves in the future.

Charlie, Karen

Motion to Adjourn

Charlie, Karen

Respectively submitted,

Shirley Griffin

Vice-Chair Charlestown Conservation Commission