

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 22, 2019
Charlestown Town Hall
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: G. Gardiner.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deborah Carney (Town Council member), Karen Jarret (Charlestown Land Trust President) and Lynn Macalister.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018 meeting was made by S. Griffin. 2nd: K. Simoneau. Aye: G. Klinger, C. Connery, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau will clear the trash along the roadside.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger reported that she had been there are cleared trash from parking area.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Karen Jarret and Commission members discussed the areas where vehicles may be entering the Preserve and whether they should be closed off. It was decided to wait until spring to determine if it occurs again. Karen said people are walking the area daily and will report on any such activity.
 - b. Karen and members of the Charlestown Land Trust will begin to remove trees from the field. They will start with the small ones.
 - c. Chariho Lions Club – G. Klinger reported that they wish to donate a bench to the Preserve.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve** – no report.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk – will discuss at next meeting possible alternatives to a kiosk due to the cost of a kiosk and the potential for vandalism.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. New kiosk has been installed
 - G. **Additional Old Business** - None

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CRMC Notices** - None
- B. **Additional New Business**
 - a. Land and Water Conservation Summit at URI on March 9, 2019 – G. Klinger, S. Griffin. K. Simoneau and R. Thieke will attend.
 - b. Earth Fest Event in Ninigret Park on April 27, 2019 – we will have a booth again this year and members of the Commission will take turns manning it.
 - c. Annual Monitoring of Properties – will schedule a date at next meeting.
 - d. Budget for FY 2020 – will be the same number (\$4600) as this year.
 - e. Town Council Liaison – discussed the recent letter from the Town Clerk asking whether we desired to have one and it was the consensus of the Commission members that we have operated without one for many years and that we did not feel that one was needed but that we would reconsider the issue again next year.

- f. Well Water Workshop – S. Griffin has been in contact with URI and will be scheduling a date in the near future.
- g. Lynn Macalister – G. Klinger noted that Lynn had been appointed to the Commission by the Town Council at their recent meeting and would become a full member as soon as she was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on February 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.