

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and L. Macalister.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019 made by K. Simoneau. 2nd: G. Gardiner. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and K. Simoneau. Nay: None. Abstain: R. Thieke
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau will continue to periodically monitor and remove trash.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. G. Gardiner reported that he and C. Connery walked the trails and removed some blowdowns from the trails and parking area.
 - b. G. Klinger and S. Griffin will clean up the parking area.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Pine trees in field – Much progress has been made. Balance will be cleared up once there has been frost and DEM restrictions related to EEE lifted.
 - b. G. Gardiner reported that there were a few trees blown down and they have been removed from the trails.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. G. Gardiner reported that he and C. Connery walked the trails and they are in good shape and any blowdowns removed from them.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. G. Gardiner reported that he walked the trails and cleared any blowdowns.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Due to DEM advisories regarding EEE fall clean up and any trail maintenance will be delayed until after a hard frost.
 - G. **Additional Old Business - None**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **CRMC Notices** – Notice that East Beach Oyster Co LLC has applied to re-configure, expand and maintain a bottom plant oyster farm in Ninigret Pond and enlarge it from 10.69 acres to 15.6 acres.
 - B. **Additional New Business**
 - a. Meeting was held on October 5, 2019 to discuss lands worth future protection. G. Klinger reported that the meeting, hosted by the Charlestown Land Trust, was attended by representatives from a number of organizations as well as DEM and US Fish & Wildlife. Most people agreed the water and watershed were of primary importance as well as farmland, historical sites, etc. It was noted by the Commission members that the map handed out at the meeting combined Town owned properties with those of the Land Trust and it was agreed that they should be separated as they combine public with privately held lands.
- VII. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

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