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CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 27, 2020
Charlestown Town Hall – Council Chambers
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by G. Klinger, Chair.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, L. Macalister, S. Griffin and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery, G. Gardiner and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney, Town Council Vice President attended
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2020 made by S. Griffin. 2nd: G. Klinger. Aye: G. Klinger, S. Griffin and R. Thieke Nay: None. Abstain: L. Macalister.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – K. Simoneau continues to monitor and clean up along the road.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve**
 - a. All necessary work to clear and widen trails has been completed.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Tree removal in and around parking area has been completed and G. Klinger will ask Public Works to add some additional gravel to the parking area.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Trail work to clear and widen trails has been completed.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. G. Klinger, S. Griffin, L. Macalister and S. Williams walked and did any trail work needed on October 9.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Cutting fields – Public Works cut the fields. It was noted that the black swallow wort did not seem as pronounced this year and we will await the report from URI regarding their eradication efforts this summer.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. G. Klinger reported to Town Council that al the preserve trails had been cleared and available for walking and they are being actively used.
- VI **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CRMC Notices** – None
 - B. **Well Water Workshop** – S. Griffin reported that there will be one on November 10 (7:00 PM) on-line.
 - C. **Additional New Business**
 - a. Land and Water Conservation Summit has been cancelled due to COVID.

- b. Geocaching – we have been approached by K. Anderson regarding placing one at the Sprague Preserve. He will be invited to our next meeting to discuss placing some there and, perhaps, in other preserves.
- c. Kiosks – Timberhomes has contacted us advising that a kiosk purchased by a refuge in Connecticut has experienced rot in the support poles and advised that we check the two we purchased from them. L. Macalister and her husband will inspect.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: - None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by S. Griffin to adjourn. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: G. Klinger, S. Griffin, L. Macalister and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on November 24 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.