

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 24, 2020

Charlestown Town Hall – Council Chambers
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by R. Thieke, Secretary.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: L. Macalister, C. Connery, G. Gardiner and R. Thieke. Excused: G. Klinger, S. Griffin and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Deb Carney, Town Council Vice President attended. Also attending were Ken Anderson to talk about geocaching and Anthony Feisthamel who is interested in the Commission work.
- IV. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:** Motion by G. Gardiner to appoint L. Macalister as Chair. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: C. Connery, G. Gardiner, L. Macalister and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2020 made by L. Macalister. 2nd: R. Thieke. Aye: L. Macalister, C. Connery, G. Gardiner and R. Thieke. Nay: None.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – all appears to be in order.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – L. Macalister walked trails and all appears to be in order
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve**
 - a. Parking area has been looked at since trees removed and it appears to be fine now.
 - b. Motion by G. Gardiner to spend up to \$2500 to have Larlham clean up the large field. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Macalister, C. Connery, G. Gardiner and R. Thieke. Nay: None. C. Connery agreed to coordinate with Larlham.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve** – trails walked and all seems in order.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve** – L. Macalister walked trails and all appears to be in order
 - F. **South Farm Preserve** – L. Macalister walked trails and all is in order.
 - G. **Additional Old Business**
 - a. Kiosks – L. Macalister checked the posts on the kiosks to ascertain if there was any rot. None was found.
- VI **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **CRMC Notices** – None
 - B. **Well Water Workshop** – held on November 10 (7:00 PM) on-line.
 - C. **Additional New Business**
 - a. URI research study on fisher cats – we were approached to allow non-invasive trail cameras to count the population but it appears that the sites to ultimately be used were not Town owned. If at some point they wish to include any of our preserves they will contact us.
 - b. Meeting Schedule for 2021 was distributed. Dates are:

Jan 26	May 25	Sep 28
Feb 23	Jun 22	Oct 26
Mar 23	Jul 27	Nov 23
Apr 27	Aug 24	

- c. Geocaching – Ken Anderson met with us to talk about placing caches on the Sprague preserve. After discussion, we asked if he would be interested in including other preserves. He was eager to do so and was given permission to place them on Sprague, Richard Trail, South Farm, Charlestown Moraine and Schoolhouse Pond preserves.

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: - None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by R. Thieke to adjourn. 2nd: C. Connery. Aye: L. Macalister, C. Connery, G. Gardiner and R. Thieke. Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on January 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.