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Charlestown Conservation Commission
Telephonic and/or Video Remote Regular Meeting
March 23, 2021, 7:00PM

- I. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by L. Macalister, Chair.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: L. Macalister, A. Feisthamel, S.Griffin, S. LaRose,
Excused: C. Connery, G. Gardiner.
- III. **Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:** Welcome to our Two Guests, Cliff Vanover, Bonnie Van Slyke - no public comments
- IV. **Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2021 Meeting:** Vote to approve minutes, S.Griffin made the motion to accept the minutes as edited, A.Feisthamel seconded; unanimous decision to accept minutes with edits
- V. Old Business
 - A. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve - L.Macalister checked on property and all looked well
 - B. Charlestown Moraine Preserve - L.Macalister checked on property, noted that we do need to take care of the front part of that (the east, front huckleberry bushes beginning to grow in) and recommended we take care of this during our next trail maintenance
 - C. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve - A.Feisthamel and L. Macalister met Mr. Beaufort at the property. The group checked over the work done on the amphitheater and found it satisfactory; existing deer path was identified; found access to river - with feedback from Mr. Beaufort, he liked the parcel of land and what we wanted to do, he gave some other options of the area. There are wetlands, a small footbridge may be necessary as the area may be underwater in springtime so we may need signage re: closed when wet or travel at own risk. Question was asked whether we needed to do anything with DEM because of the water. L. Macalister responded that as long as we didn't alter the terrain, we should be good and we wouldn't need DEM approval, but she will check in with that. Motion was made by

A. Feisthamel to expand the trail to include a river walk at Patricia Sprague, S. Griffin seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

- D. Richard Trails Preserve L. Macalister noted that there is some erosion on the back pink trail. It's in frequent use. Possibly a project for the boycotts? She will check on that and report back; not drastic but something that we need to keep on top of. Discussed kiosk for Richard Trail. S. LaRose found a local contractor, Tim Hay that was willing to build it for \$600 labor and the cost of materials. L. Macalister to follow up with him to get a written quote to submit for approval and vote.
- E. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve L. Macalister checked on property, said all looked well. DPW came out and filled in potholes. It's still a rough road but that's how we want it, it is a trail but it is passable.
- F. South Farm Preserve - L. Macalister suggested April 24, 2021 9:30am-11am for a cleanup day at the property. All in agreement that this date works. L. Macalister to reach out for volunteers from our friends list.
- G. Coastal Pond Commission Report - L. Macalister reported that we didn't have a meeting this month, it was cancelled so there was nothing new to report

VI. Additional Old Business

- A. Comprehensive Plan Discussion - L. Macalister reported that there is a meeting coming up for this. She had reviewed the plan looking for who the responsible parties are for different activities and those that would affect the CCC. Guest Bonnie Van Slyke informed us that the hearing is scheduled for April 14th. Guest Ruth Platner informed us that chapter 11 of the plan has the actions and policies. You can compare this section to the 2006 update to see changes. Recommended looking at this section for answers to our questions. All are encouraged to attend the hearing.
- B. Conservation Commission Facebook Page - S. LaRose reported that the page is live. Those on the CCC who use Facebook will be contacted to add as administrators to the page. L. Macalister offered her email address as the point of contact for the Facebook page should users want to reach out to us with questions.
- C. Vote on Vice Chair Position - Shirley Griffin was nominated at the last meeting and accepted the nomination. A. Feisthamel made a motion to

appoint S.Griffin to the vice chair position. L.Macalister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

- A. Tucker Estate Advisory Opinion - CCC members visited the property to assess. The attached document is the discussion and recommendation that was made and submitted.
- B. CRMC Notices - Another individual has applied to the CCC on Monday. Application was received. Will discuss and vote at future meeting.

VIII. Additional New Business

- A. Subcommittee for Signage - L.Macalister asked if any members of the CCC would like to join a subcommittee to look at signage and maps. The group felt extended at the time. It was decided that we would table this until the new members had joined as they may be able to commit time to this endeavor.

IX. Member Comment/Announcement - none

- X. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by S.Griffin. Seconded by A.Feisthamel. The meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

The next regular meeting will be held on April 27, 2021 at 7:00PM telephonic and/or video remote regular meeting

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