

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 23, 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, L. Macalister and R. Thieke. Excused: G. Gardiner, S. Griffin and K. Simoneau.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019 meeting was made by C. Connery. 2nd: L. Macalister. Aye: C. Connery, L. Macalister and R. Thieke. Nay: None. Abstain: G. Klinger.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve** – G. Klinger noted that there is trash along the road and she will ask K. Simoneau to clear the area.
 - B. **Charlestown Moraine Preserve** – L. Macalister reported that she had walked the Preserve and noted that three trees had been blown down. While the trails are still passable, the trees need to be removed and C. Connery said he and G. Gardiner will take care of it soon.
 - C. **Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve** – L. Macalister reported that she had walked the trail and that one tree has blown down. C. Connery indicated that he would remove it.
 - D. **Richard Trails Preserve**
 - a. Work Day – scheduled spring clean-up or May 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
 - E. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve**
 - a. Kiosk – will discuss at next meeting some alternatives as well as available funds.
 - b. Work Day – scheduled spring clean-up for June 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM. G. Klinger will contact the Friends of Conservation to see if some of them are available to help.
 - F. **South Farm Preserve**
 - a. Work day – scheduled spring clean-up for May 18, 2019 at 9:00. Members of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church will be assisting.
 - b. Mowing the fields – agreed to request Public Works defer their fall mowing from August to after September 30.
 - G. **Additional Old Business** - None

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CRMC Notices**
- a. Reviewed application from Alexander and Michelle Bea of 179 Warren Road to remove an existing concrete wharf cap and replace it with a new wood pile and timber pier over the wharf section.
 - b. Earth Fest Event in Ninigret Park on April 27, 2019 – we will have a booth again this year and G. Klinger, L. Macalister and K. Simoneau will take turns manning it.
 - c. Spring Bird Walk – the Commission and Charlestown Land Trust will sponsor a walk at the Sprague Preserve on May 4, 2019 at 8:00 AM. Don Heitzmann, noted birder will lead the walk and Faith and Roe LaBossiere will host.

- d. Annual Monitoring of Town Properties – scheduled for May 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM. Reviewed the current list of properties (77) and decided to drop several on our current list and look at some of the properties recently added to the Town list to determine if we should add them to our annual monitoring.

B. Additional New Business

VII MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke, Secretary

Next regular Commission Meeting on May 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Special Conservation Commission meeting scheduled:

On May 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Richard Trails.

On May 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM at South Farm

On May 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM for annual monitoring of Town properties

On June 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Schoolhouse Pond