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**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**TELEPHONIC AND/OR VIDEO REMOTE REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 27, 2021 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:59pm**

**II. ROLL CALL - Present: L. Macalister, S. Griffin, G. Gardiner, K. Baldyga, A. Feisthamel, S. LaRose Absent: C. Connery**

**Motion to move new business to recognize Cody Clarkin - Motion from Anthony, Second from Gary - Looking to create a looped bike trail Be Fit Trail and advertise it as part of eco-tourism project - Proposed bike rack at the beaches, looking to add bike racks to sprague trail and richards trail; timeline starting after July 1st with new budget to see ap-prox \$6-8000 for installation - hefty cost but custom made and artistic and more durable ; passport for hiking trails - create an eco-tourism app to get people to visit different places on the bike route (here are all the sites you can go to hike, bike, etc.) cost unknown ; dis- cussion - Richards trail would be great - We do have 11,000 to spend before July, could we use that? Deb - if you're going to spend more than \$3000 you'll have to get different bids and quotes. Questions about how to do the app, what does it take, what is cost, how much work, need more info to know if that's something we can manage. Final Thoughts, Antho- ny and Karen, are both for it and should be further explored. Table this item until May meeting and Cody will bring back more information on this. Motion to postpone further discussion of website trail app and bike racks to May Meeting made by Anthony; Shirley seconded. Unanimous vote to approve**

**III. WELCOME NEW COMMISSION MEMBER: Karen Baldyga welcomed to the commission by L. Macalister**

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Deb Carney and Cody Clarkin**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 23, 2021 MEETING - S. Griffin made a motion to approve the March 23rd minutes with corrections, A. Feisthamel seconded, motion passed unanimously**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve - L. Macalister visited, reported good condition**

**b. Charlestown Moraine Preserve - G. Gardiner visited, reported good condition**

**c. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve - L. Macalister - Larlham brush hogged both small and large field, could not remove small pines as they have gotten too big now- we can either let them grow or we will need to schedule a workday to re- move in the fall. G. Gardiner said there are deer beds in some of them, some maybe on their way out anyway due to disease. It was agreed that this is something we should take care of in the near future. Question was posed as to what should be done to the fireplace area around the amphitheater to keep people from burn-**

**ing in it. To our knowledge, no one has used it that way. It was agreed that for the time being we should keep an eye on it periodically. Question was posed, should we create a trail down to water. It was agreed that we should set a date for a workday at Sprague to cut away this trail and clean up brush.**

- d. **Richard Trails Preserve - L. Macalister reported that there is cleanup needed on the trail, a group has volunteered to do the work on May 15 at 9:30am. It was agreed that S.LaRose would meet them there to oversee and assist.**
- e. **Schoolhouse Pond Preserve - L.Macalister reported that everything was looking good. It was agreed that needed maintenance can wait till June**
- f. **South Farm Preserve - L.Macalister reported on the workday held on April 24th, all agreed it was a success.**
- g. **Coastal Pond Commission report - Nothing to report**
- h. **Conservation Commission Facebook page - Any members may send S.LaRose pictures to post; L.Macalister suggested posting geo-caching info on Facebook**

#### **VI. ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **2021 Comprehension Plan - L.Macalister reported that it is still ongoing and suggested that members if members have comments they should send to Amy Weinreich who will forward.**
- b. **Tucker Estates - L.Macalister reported that the CCC has taken care of everything we needed to do and we would be contacted if anything is needed or any decisions are made; At this time, nothing more to report.**
- c. **Geo Caching - L. Macalister reported that Ken Anderson gave feedback that the geocaches had been found by 13 visitors since the last report.**

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **CRMC Notices - None**
- b. **Possible changes to 2021 commission meeting dates - To accommodate member's schedules, A.Feisthamel made a motion to move meetings to fourth Thursdays of every month at 7pm. G.Gardiner Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously - Note: S.LaRose will need to notify Amy Weinreich that we've changed meeting dates and provide the new dates.**
- c. **Schedule a date for 2021 Yearly Monitoring of Town-Owned Open Space Properties - Lynn to send meeting dates to members and 4 CCC members will be needed to attend.**

#### **VIII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS - Well Water Workshop, Allison McAnn got in touch with S.Griffin, and the Well Water Workshop will be held virtually on July 29th (tentative date) through library, zoom format. Time TBA. Will share out when we know final times. Participants can order test kit and pick up at either library or URI.**

#### **IX. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENT - None**

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn made by S.Griffin, seconded by S.LaRose. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm**

**The next regular meeting will be held on May 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM Town Hall or TELEPHONIC AND/OR VIDEO REMOTE REGULAR MEETING**

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