

Final
CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Charlestown Town Hall – Council Chambers
4540 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813
REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2021, 7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - L. Macalister called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
- II. **ROLL CALL** – L. Macalister, A. Feisthamel, C. Connery, S. LaRose, G. Gardiner
Excused: S. Griffin, K. Baldyga
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Ruth Platner
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 27, 2021 MEETING** - Motion to approve made by G. Gardiner, Seconded A. Feisthamel, Motion passed Unanimously
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Tucker Estates Management plan-Additional changes editto “in consultation” in place of coordination; Karen and Lynn were able to reach someone from the Nature Conservancy; Lynn met with Jarett and Angela to discuss the use of pesticides and herbicides on properties, it was decided that we would add on a bullet point at the end: “Any future maintenance will be in accordance with established town guidelines”; Ruth Platner will send Lynn the state’s template for management plan, the state looked at this management plan and said it looked fine as is but she will send us the template so we can see for future use; Motion to approve Tucker estate management plan with these additional changes made by A. Feisthamel, seconded by G. Gardiner, Motion passed unanimously. Additionally, K. Baldyga shared that she spoke with the person who manages the Carter Preserve and is willing to walk the property with someone. They hay their property once per year in November for woodcocks, she has some suggestions if anyone wants to meet with her, she is also willing to consult with us on putting in trails.
 - b. Town Council report of CCC past year and 2022 planned activities and goals- L. Macalister is working on it and it is due July 1st and she will have it submitted on time. Planned activities will include looking at the management plans to update.

- c. Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve
 - Japanese Knotweed - A. Feisthamel went there and removed, L. Macalister said she saw his work and it kept it down for a couple weeks. The town went and cut it down some more. However, it's just one of those things that will need to be continually addressed.
- d. Charlestown Moraine Preserve-No one has walked it this month, no reportson it have been made, will check this month.
- e. Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve
 - Fireplace - Quote received from Stone guys Masonry; Motion to fund up to \$750 for the work made by G. Gardiner, A. Feisthamel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. Richard Trails Preserve
 - Kiosk - L. Macalister reported that it has arrived and is being installed by Larlham on July 5th. L. Macalister thinks it can be installed where mailboxes are right now.
- g. Schoolhouse Pond Preserve - K. Baldyga walked a portion. L. Macalister gota report that there was trash in the fireplace again and that a car of people told them they were trespassing on tribal land. Question as to where the exact boundary is. S. LaRose to reach out to tribe to open dialogue if anything should be done. L. Macalister will forward email to S. LaRose and Mark Stankiewicz, Town Administrator.
- h. South Farm Preserve
 - Grass cutting at Card Cemetery and picnic table area - L. Macalister to meet with URI's Lisa Tewksbury to see if there's any way to get rid of the invasive swallowwort
- i. Coastal Pond Commission report - no meeting this month
- j. Conservation Commission Facebook page - Nothing new has been added, but send pictures to S. LaRose to post

VI. ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS - none

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Trail Stewards discussion - L. Macalister suggested we table to next month, idea is to assign each committee member a trail to check on each month

VIII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS - none

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENT - none

- X. ADJOURNMENT** - G. Gardiner made a motion to adjourn, A. Feisthamel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

The next regular meeting will be held on July 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM Town Hall
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