

**CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL OPEN MEETING**  
**July 5, 2017, 8:00 AM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05AM by G. Klinger at the Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Excused: C. Connery and F. Safford.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None.
- IV. TRAIL WORK:** The trail from Railroad Road to the existing farm trail was walked noting where clean-up work is required. Walked the western branch of the farm trail to the area where it crosses onto abutter property. Assessed the area in question as to what can be done to keep people off abutter property and also determined where a diversion trail can be created. Also walked down the trail to the field which is now being populated by pines, black swallow wort as well as hay. Before we can open the Preserve to visitors we will need to clean a path through the field as well as cut the grass growing on the farm trail and also walk the balance of the trail to make sure it is blazed and free of obstacles.
- V. FUTURE ACTION:** G. Klinger will contact the Town Administrator to set up a meeting to discuss with him the situation at the Preserve and what we plan to do. Will also arrange to meet with the Public Works Dept. head to determine when the parking area will be completed and get his ideas on blocking off the trail at the abutter's property line.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:** None
- VII. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by G. Gardiner to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Griffin. Aye: G. Klinger, G. Gardiner, S. Griffin, K. Simoneau and R. Thieke. Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Thieke  
Secretary

The next Commission Meeting will be held on July 25 27, 2017 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM