

Final Minutes
CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 7, 2023, Town Hall Town Council Chambers

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:10 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Lynn Macalister, Karen Baldyga, Steve Williams, Shirley Griffin, Nick Testa
Unexcused, Silvermoon LaRose Excused
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** None
- IV. **TOWN COUNCIL LIASON TO THE COMMISSION REMARKS** N/A
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 2023 Postponed for January 2025
- VI. **REPORTS:** Discussion and/or Potential Action(s), Announcement(s) And/or Vote(s)
 1. Social Media No report
 2. Preserve monitoring, management and/or maintenance of:
 - Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp Preserve-Sign has faded. Lynn will investigate cost of replacement
 - Charlestown Moraine Preserve Steve refined the blazing
 - Patricia Sprague Forest Preserve-Variou community members, along with Colleen Poe, Perry Delaney notified trees down. Larlham took care of them. Charlestown Land Trust and CCC lead a successful Turkey Trot the day after Thanksgiving.
 - Richard Trails Preserve-No downed trees. Trail is in great shape
 - Schoolhouse Pond Preserve-Lynn and Mitch Macalister collected two bags of trash. Signs of parties. They also closed an additional access point from School house Pond Road that should not be there (1st spur from Kings' Factory)
 - South Farm Preserve- Lynn stated that there are severe ruts on perimeter. The commission will go to the property in the future to determine if we need to redirect the path. Lynn will contact CPW to have some boulders to block access from the road into the woods trail. DPW will be contacted for removal of dilapidated picnic table
 - Tucker Woods Preserve-Nick has reported to Lynn that he is making progress on the invasives. No trees were reported down
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS** –Discussion and/or Potential Action(s), Announcement(s) And/or Vote(s)
 1. **Charlestown Ramble** -Very successful. 13 new friends of conservation signed up. 74 magnets were handed out. Perhaps more emphasis on marketing to families is needed.
 2. **Brochures** – In progress. Current issue with sizing
 3. **New maps** -Lynn will touch base with Jeff Allen to see how they are progressing
 4. **Signs** -Signs are in. Materials to install signs will be purchased and installation will occur based on frozen ground.
 5. **Tucker and Richard preserve Kiosks.**- Kiosk covers are in. Will review installation to determine if additional help in required.
 6. **Other** -Discussion of developing a marketing plan for the year
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS** Discussion And/or Potential Action(S), Announcement(S) And/or Vote(S)
 1. 2024/25 budget Preliminary budget so far for 740-5020 is \$4190. This will continue to be revised. 620-6065 purchased services, fields and trails maintenance. Lynn will advise that the roof of the sheep barn be added as a capital expenditure.
 2. Other N/A
- IX. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** N/A

X. **ADJOURNMENT** Steve motioned to adjourn, and Karen seconded. Adjournment at 8:45

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday January 25, 2023 7:00 pm Charlestown Town Hall Council Chambers