

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER
COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING

In Attendance:

John Burnham	John Drake	Al Floyd
Albert Grant	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Tom Talamini		

Absent:

Michele Belisle	Joanne Drapeau
Kristen Martin	Margaret Steinbugler
Deb Talamini	Peter Weilhouwer

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and WELCOME: Guest: Rex Joffrey, President SRWA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" (formerly Mansions on Scantic) – Project appears to be nearing completion and suggestion was that contact be made with Mr. Chapman re walkway to be created.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – Chair showed proposed revisions to current SRWA guide, with expanded coverage of river within East Windsor, and prototype of EW River Guide, which would fit in a pocket. This would list take out areas and location of trail markers which are in production.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Hoping to do a trip this Monday. A question was raised as to who has rights to the river, the Town or owners of property abutting the river. It was thought owners had rights to the edge of river but the river was open to all.
- d. Trail Markers – To conform with 'greenway' colors, our markers will be made yellow.
- e. Membership – Our guest from last meeting has moved out of the area. But an application by Ken Francis has been approved by B.of S. And others are interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Plan for parking lot will be similar to that of Omelia Road, just needs to be marked off, with poles to define its boundaries, which would prevent the area from being used for other than parking purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rather than the Commission and PZ doing up the Greenway application, SRWA has agreed to do so to make the application consistent and save unnecessary effort. East Windsor's request will be different in that it will encompass the entire town instead of sections of the river with each application.
- b. Clarification of John Burnham's status. He is now a full member as well as the liaison from the Board of Selectman. The B of S was looking to fill the 4 alternate positions but discussion among the Commission members was that it be proposed to the B of S that the Commission now be comprised of 7 permanent members and 4 alternates, thus keeping the members but renaming their status. This lesser number would enable the Commission to more likely have a quorum at meetings. Any number of residents may join and out of towners may be associates. This proposal will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for its approval.
- c. Chair called for members input as to our Plan for the coming Year. Among the ideas and goals was an event each month. This would start with a river walk led by member Albert Grant on Sunday, January 24 at 11AM, from Melrose Road to Rte. 140. A February 13 walk was planned to proceed from Scantic Road to Wicket's Bridge toward Plantation Road Extension.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 P.M.