

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010 MEETING

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Michele Belisle	John Burnham	Joanne Drapeau	Ken
Francis	John Kehoe	Kristen Martin	Margaret
Steinbugler	Peter Weilhouwer		

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MINUTES of June 17, 2010 MEETING: Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" (formerly Mansions on Scantic) – Complaints made to Selectmen re smell at pumphouse on Rte. 140.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – In process.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Kirsten Martin will be getting equipment to determine clarity, speed of river and temperature at various spots on river. Anyone using the river is asked to report back as to conditions.
- d. Trail Markers – Greenway sign has been placed at trailhead on Omelia Road. Yellow markers will be placed there also. Trail has been weedwacked past high tension wires.
- e. Membership – Five or 6 persons have told John Burnham that they were interested in joining group or work parties. Arend Knuttel is back in the area and wants to get involved again.
- f. Activities – July 10 work party of 11 with 5 chain saws and 6 canoes spent over 6 hours on the river, opening area from Rte 140 to filter beds. 60% has been cleared.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. On June 27 2 canoes/1 kayak and 6 persons made a trip for light maintenance at various spots. However, 2 large trees and a huge vine blocked passage and required much sawing and clearing. Future work party will need to clean it up properly13 work party installed a bridge over the first area and photos were shown to other members. Photos of 6/17 trip shown.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. August activity will be a work day scheduled for 8/14 9AM meeting at John B's house. Will assemble and proceed to filter beds to work north to snags.
- b. Greenway status will be made public and publicity may help with improvements.
- c. SRWA may tap 8/22 for the full moon paddle. More info when confirmed.
- d. Chair suggested the need to bring additional supplies on future trips, to include coolers with food and adequate water, first aid kit, sponges, extra chains, battery pack, dremel to sharpen blades, wedges, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 P.M.