

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2010 MEETING

**In Attendance (bold lettering denotes members):**

**John Burnham      John Drake      Al Floyd      Albert Grant      Gil Hayes**  
**Barbara Sherman      Dick Sherman      Deb Talamini      Tom Talamini**

**Also:**

Alan Baker      Sue Gaffney      Lois Noble      Mark Simmons

**Absent:**

**Michele Belisle      Joanne Drapeau      Ken Francis      Margaret Steinbugler**  
**Peter Weilhouwer**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MINUTES of September 16, 2010 MEETING: Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" (formerly Mansions on Scantic) – Explanation to new members of planned stone dust path, to be made when construction is completed.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – Still looking into name of company that does laminated guides, which will focus on our town's section of the river.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – 2 trips were made, first to ensure it was open and safe. The fun paddle had 20 participants in 14 canoes/kayaks, good time even with wind.
- d. Trail Markers – Trailhead posts have been placed in on Omelia Road.
- e. Membership – Gil Hayes now official member. Status of other members was discussed and letters will be sent requesting status change.
- f. Activities – Member John Drake, who has cut the multi-flora roses along the path, and the Chair removed newly downed tree.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Parking lot on Cemetery Road is open and available, with barriers in position.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Alan Baker in conjunction with Source to Sea will conduct a river clean-up November 13, to cover areas of Broad Brook Pond, the fishing area on Rte. 140, areas near Dexter Coffin Bridge and South Water Street. Party will meet at Osborn Field at 10AM. His plan is to make this an annual event and perhaps do something in the spring linked to Earth Day.
- b. Eagle Scout project was explained by Member John Burnham in absence of Bill Thimm. Project will include building a bridge over a stream and clean-up on path in coming months.
- c. Lori Gabriel, Brenda Crockett, Laura Harney and Jennifer Ragaglia, members of the BMX Skate Park Committee (not Dog Park) told of duck race to take place 11/7. They asked for help with the launching and takeout and it was promised.
- d. Discussion of plans to widen the "natural" bridge along the path took place. Also Dan Onofrio granted permission to get access road on his property to river and a couple of hours would be needed to complete this. Talk centered on a website of our own or a link with the town's site and perhaps a Facebook account to show pictures of our accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 P.M.