

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2012

**In Attendance:**

Alan Baker  
Al Floyd  
Dick Sherman

John Burnham  
Jim Halloran  
Dick Sullivan

John Drake  
Lois Noble  
Deb Talamini

Joanne Drapeau  
Barbara Sherman  
Tom Talamini

**Absent:**

Ken Francis

Albert Grant

Gil Hayes

**Attending:** Sue Gaffney and Rebecca Talamini

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Under New Business a.1) Display case at Town Hall

**MINUTES** of December 3, 2011 MEETING: Approved.

**ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – No report, although it was noted that this group went to P&Z meeting for permit to building additional units in town. Letter to be sent indicating our current focus areas and plans for trails at Canyon Ridge area will be in the future.
- b. River Review / Water testing – More testing bottles needed, samples to be delivered. It was requested that a spot above the Reservoir be added to the additional sampling sites. View of river from upper trail showed a few trees down and one tree was worked on in December.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Melrose Bridge – Work party of 3 managed 250 yards of trail work in December and marked 600 yards more. Member John Drake will bring poles for milling to see if they are suitable for use.
- d. Window decals – 12 more sold, 123 left. \$408 to be deposited.
- e. December work party – 14 attended 12/3; 4 on 12/26; 8 on 12/29; there were additional work days on 12/30 & 12/31. Then on January 2nd 9 worked and January 7th 3 helped.
- f. AHRC Educational Extension – Two teachers will drum up support and try to attend a meeting. Member Alan Baker is keeping in touch with them.
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Year's Day Hike – Good report in newspaper, all feedback was positive. Per the signage board, 176 attended (but there were some "families" so numbers probably higher).
- h. CL&P Grant – The secretary will participate in a day-long workshop on grant writing to help with the paperwork for this.
- i. Boy Scout Eagle Project – Banisters at Billy's bridge were reworked in anticipation of the hike. Process for kiosk for Omelia Road parking lot going forward; it will be 4 x 8 in size. State permit now \$85 and cannot be waived. Scout Michael Welti is fundraising by selling

car wash certificates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. February Work Party – Scheduled for 2/7 and 2/25 to meet at 9:00AM at Burnham barn. Project to continue on trails in State Park. Member Deb Talamini will work on the town hall display case with AHRC items.
  - b. Plans for our trails – April is target goal for completion of Scantic River State Park bridges. Poles will need to be dragged to site of bridges.
  - c. SRWA – Plan on a Super Bowl Sunday hike. Its work party for this Saturday has been cancelled but another is scheduled for the following Saturday. Member Alan Baker suggested we help them if there is man power available.
  - d. Goals for upcoming year: As previously stated. 1. To have Scantic River State Park trails ready for spring use; 2. To maintain work efforts already done on trails, throughout the year; 3. To get signs posted on river identifying locations; 4. To go south on Scantic River to South Windsor Line.
  - e. Officers for new year – Members voted to keep officer slate as is and officers agreed to stay in place.
7. Public input: none

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 1/23/2012