

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 17, 2012

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Alan Baker  
Al Floyd  
Lois Noble  
Deb Talamini

John Burnham  
Ken Francis  
Barbara Sherman  
Tom Talamini

John Drake  
Jim Halloran  
Dick Sherman

Joanne Drapeau  
Ray Jones  
Dick Sullivan

**ABSENT:**    Albert Grant        Barbara Sherman

**GUESTS:** Rebecca Talamini

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM
2. **MINUTES** of April 19, 2012 meeting: Clarification to **4d**: sales total 147 with 111 left. Approved.
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**    **NB 5g** - Name areas of river; **5h** - wood cutting
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – No report.
  - b. River Review / Water testing –  
Water sampling going forward as usual. Also Dr. Martin will do sampling of invertebrates in river to test how healthy it is.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Melrose Bridge – On the May 5th work party the bridge by the sycamore was built and logs brought into wet area for walk path to be constructed.
  - d. Window decals –Current total sold 149, remain to be sold 107. Two stickers were given to Congressman Larson at Community Day for his \$20 donation to the Commission.
  - e. AHRC Educational Extension – Al Baker reported there has been no response.
  - f. Invertebrate Study: Dr. Martin will be available at our convenience.
  - g. Community Day – Many visitors at our booth, with interest in the Cardboard Boat race. Congressman Larson stopped by to support our efforts. Even though our float was not a winner, we brought awareness for our endeavors.
  - h. Cemetery Road parking lot: Dick Sherman mowed the area and requested repair to driveway which has been completed by the Highway Dept and flattened the hump.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. May/June Work Party Schedules –May 19 and May 26:**

Discussion about trail/river teams and what needed to be accomplished for the June 2 CT Trails Day hike. What was feasible and realistic with the volunteers available before that time. It is possible to use the loop section near Rt 140 to come back around if last bridge is not completed. Everyone will do what they can to make June 2 a successful event.

### **b. SRWA – they have volunteered to help at our May 19 work day.**

### **c. New Eagle Scout candidate – Steve Kneeland: Proposed project to create a trail at the Hensel property (Rt 140 south) and a parking lot with cement blocks.**

### **d. CT Trails Day – June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Debbie has gotten the word out with notices on our Town website under news and announcements; flyers at Town Hall and Library; anticipated notice in The Reminder and Journal. Also a post on our AHRC Facebook page. Dick had official CT Trails Day brochures and received leader tee shirts for the event. We will coordinate via email to organize leaders and what members will be around that day, since we don't have another meeting before then.**

### **e. CT Water Trails Day – June 9<sup>th</sup> The SRWA plan to come and paddle in our East Windsor section of the River.**

### **f. Cardboard Boat Race – July 1, 2012: Spec sheets have been printed for distribution. Dick was looking for a trophy base to make an award; also discussion about a wooden paddle to put winners name and year on to keep in the possession of the Commission and add names to it as the years go by.**

### **g. Name areas of River: Dick presented proposed idea:**

Hensel = Heritage Park

Osborne Bridge Mill = Park Lot

Stiles Bridge = Park Lot

Filter area = Trolley Crossing park

State Park = Melrose

State Park = 140

### **h. wood cutting: Tuesday May 22 available to have logs cut. Dick to work out details with Jim. Alan was available Sunday and would contact Jim to see what could get done; so work could continue on trail during the week to those that were available.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Talamini – 5/19/2012