

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2012**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**John Burnham
Barbara Sherman
Tom Talamini**

**Al Floyd
Dick Sherman**

**Ray Jones
Dick Sullivan**

**Lois Noble
Deb Talamini**

ABSENT:

**Alan Baker
Albert Grant**

**John Drake
Jim Halloran**

Joanne Drapeau

Ken Francis

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Regular November 15, 2012 Meeting: Having been read and with no corrections: Approved, with 1 abstention.
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Under New Business: **5d. Maps**
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – River very muddy. Member Ray Jones asked if anything was being done or anyone contacted about its condition after the rains. It was noted that Robin Newton had contacted Enfield and was told it was hard to get to the area to check.
 - b. Water testing – Testing continues. When George Caye of South Windsor dropped off his samples, he brought a map of area around the Scantic River in his town. This map was passed around.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Trail was worked on December 9th. Bridges were anchored so with high water they will not wash away. Several trees were cleared. Trail is in good shape for hike.
 - d. Work Party - On December 1st, due to cold conditions, no work was done on river. But 3 members walked the river in South Windsor and spoke to local farmers getting permission to cross their land for work parties. Members of South Windsor WWW group will attend a future meeting to find out what we do and see how we do it.
 - e. Window decals – There are still 80 available.
 - f. Patch Blog – It was decided that when we finish the hike, a story and pictures would be submitted and then the blog would continue from that point.
5. **New Business**
 - a. December 29th Work Party – to meet at 9Am at John's barn and workers would do a quick run through to check status for hike. Suggested that we need sandwich boards to advertise hike and they will be painted that day and placed around town. January 12th a work party was tentatively scheduled; again meeting at 9AM at John's barn – weather would dictate project.
 - b. SRWA – They will join our New Year's Day hike and hold theirs on Super Bowl Sunday. At their meeting it was reported that across from the old dump is a huge hole and the water bubbles up and it is muddy there.

- c. New Year's Day Hike - Several interested persons asked if they could set up a drop off spot at the hike for donations to the 5 Corner Cupboard. It was agreed that we would add that to our upcoming publicity articles. Thanks to Deb Talamini for the article and picture in the North Central newsletter. Chair showed the new banner he made and plans were tentatively set to put it up on Saturday 12/22 at the Broad Brook School parking lot; time to be determined by weather, and availability.
- d. **Maps** - Chairman Dick Sherman showed maps he had colored and reproduced, which detailed the town and state-owned lands, along with our trails and bridges. GPS coordinates will be obtained and added and then these maps will be placed in various in kiosks near trails.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 12/21/2012