

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Alan Baker</b>	<b>John Burnham</b>	<b>John Drake</b>	<b>Joanne Drapeau</b>
<b>Al Floyd</b>	<b>Albert Grant</b>	<b>Jim Halloran</b>	<b>Lois Noble</b>
<b>Barbara Sherman</b>	<b>Dick Sherman</b>	<b>Deb Talamini</b>	<b>Tom Talamini</b>

**ABSENT:**

<b>Ken Francis</b>	<b>Ray Jones</b>	<b>Dick Sullivan</b>
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:20 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Regular January 17, 2012 Meeting: With a correction to **5f. Duck Race/Cardboard Boat Race** – The Commission members will coordinate with **BMX PARK** MINUTES were Approved.
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** **New Business 5e. John Burnham 5f. CT River Paddlers**
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – A newly fallen tree was observed; it might need to be cut and cleared.
  - b. Water testing – Deb Nordell reported she might not be able to get to all locations with the height and depth of the snow.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – The ridge was scouted for the trails in the new area near the Harrington Stream, near the barns. The site has great views. This area will be mapped as part of the RTP grant to identify current and proposed trails. The Chair had received complaints by hikers regarding hunters. DEEP signs which alert all users to the multi-use possibilities of the state lands were posted at Rte. 140 and the trailheads. More materials are needed for the kiosks.
  - d. Work Party –Commission Members Alan Baker, Lois Noble and Jim Halloran with Charlene Baker and Barbara Halloran spent 4 hours marking with orange tape the new end to the trail which will avoid the steep slope on the former trail. The tape will be replaced by relocated yellow diamond markers.
  - e. Window decals – No new sales.
  - f. Patch Blog – Information was passed along as to site to post.
5. **New Business**
  - a. February 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Party still on schedule, meeting at 8:30Am at John's barn and plan is to work on putting wood on the small bridge placed over the wet spot on the new trail end. March 9 also set as a work day with group meeting at 8:30 AM at John's barn 178 Scantic Road, East Windsor. (Will it be too cold to get in the water?)
  - b. SRWA – Their Spring Splash is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All hands welcome.
  - c. New "end" to the trail – The newly developed end to the hiking trail has been marked with orange tape which will be replaced by yellow markers. A small bridge was made over a wet area.
  - d. New Grant - Chairman Dick Sherman said as part of the application letters of concurrence and support are needed from members who have provided "in kind" work on the river and trails. Member

Albie Grant also provided the latest version of the Aquarion Grant, which will be worked on again and resubmitted.

**5. e. John Burnham** – John Burnham tendered his resignation from the Commission. It was accepted reluctantly and with regrets. As he was the Vice Chair, a nomination for Tom Talamini to replace him was made and unanimously concurred and he accepted.

**5.f. Connecticut River Paddlers** – Member Alan Baker told of meeting last week wherein there was discussion of activities on the Connecticut River. As we were invited to take part in their planning, we will be receiving additional info. Perhaps we can join some of its activities and utilize our Volunteer Park as a stop for river paddles.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 2/25/2013