

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF May 16, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	John Drake	Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Jim Halloran	Ray Jones	Lois Noble	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Dick Sullivan	Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini		

ABSENT:

Ken Francis

Guests: John Burnham, Sue Gaffney and Rebecca Talamini

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

2. **MINUTES** of regular April 18, 2013 meeting were approved with 2 abstentions (after the date was edited).

3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None

4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**

a. River Review – opened from Melrose launch to Rt 140; then Filter Bed area to Omelia Road. Reports of one snag in between those sections.

b. Water testing – on going.

c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Alan Baker was approached with inquiries about adding more trails. Hopes of another loop trail are anticipated. Reports that there are at least six Geocachings within the Park. Dick reported that the Boy Scouts camped out in the Park recently.

d. Earth Day work party (April 27) – Big Y employees participated in cleanup and donated water, gloves, bags and snacks. A total of 8 bags of trash were collected, plus a boogie board and tricycle. They generously donated sheet pizzas for all to enjoy for lunch. Thanks Big Y for your generosity on Earth Day!

e. Window decals – Treasurer reported that 61 stickers are left.

f. Patch Blog update – Deb Talamini posted a notice about our June 2 CT Trails Day hike.

g. Community Day review: Dick Sherman received awards at Community Day for the AHRC for “Community Spirit” and 3rd place for our parade float. Our State Reps Davis and Kiner were in attendance at Community Day and both are on board in supporting our State Park.

5. **New Business**

a. Work Party is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. Meet at Burnham’s barn at 8:30 or Rt 140 launch at 9am.

b. SRWA meeting update - no news to report. Albert Grant mentioned that the SRWA may have some equipment and supplies we could use for our potential bridge work and kiosk in the State Park.

c. CRWC (CT River Watershed Council) Solstice Paddle (on CT River) – Albert Grant said it was still set for June 21 for those interested. A 5:30pm launch in upper Thompsonville, paddling north to Longmeadow dam. More details can be found on their website.

- d. June 2 is CT Trails Day and the Commission members will be leading a hike as is posted in the CT Trails handbook.
Jun 9 is CT Water Trails Day – details of the day were discussed. Starting with launch in Melrose at 10AM and ending at Cemetery Road.
- e. Cardboard Boat Race scheduled for Sunday, June 30 – Flyers were distributed.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Talamini – 5/25/2013