

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Alan Baker  
Barbara Sherman  
Tom Talamini

Joanne Drapeau  
Dick Sherman

Al Floyd  
Dick Sullivan

Albert Grant  
Deb Talamini

**ABSENT:**

John Drake  
Jim Halloran

Ken Francis  
Ray Jones

Sue Gaffney  
Lois Noble

Guest: Rebecca Talamini

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Regular June 20, 2013 Meeting: **Approved.**
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Under New Business 5e. AHRC ordinance
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – As of today, the river is down in its banks and is clear, hopefully to stay that way for our event on Sunday. Vice Chair Tom reported large tree down near Melrose Bridge and other boaters have said that there are many branches down along the way from the filter beds to Omelia Road. The report by a teenage fisherman of snakeheads in the Broad Brook stream have been passed along to DEEP.
  - b. Water testing – Continues in South Windsor. Tester Deb Nordell said it has been too hot, and the water too high for her to do her rounds, although the mosquitoes were plentiful.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Two members replaced some of the mud walks which had washed off their foundations and were dragged back into place and secured. The cables kept some from floating too far off. Others will require more help to get them functioning again. And some were not able to be reached in the timeframe available. But it is definite that there is a lot of work to be done as at least 4 trees are down along the trail.
  - d. Window decals – No additional sales (61 left).
  - f. Patch Blog – Member Deb Talamini has been posting the ever-changing even dates and keeping up with the latest plans.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Work Party for July / August – Plans were made to meet Saturday July 20 to do river clearing and if weather prevented that then the following Saturday July 27. In addition a work party was set for August 10 – there is effort needed both on the river and the trails. Turnout would determine where they would be focusing. Again anyone with some time during the week or evening who wanted to spend some time on repairs give a call out.
  - b. SRWA – A July 20<sup>th</sup> moonlight paddle was planned but at this time the weather forecast is bleak for it to happen, stay turned. Registration is 6:30 PM. Launch time is 7:30PM at Somers Mill Pond Dam.

Member Albie Grant reported about 8 boats took part in the Solstice Paddle on June 21 out of Old Thompsonville up to about Six Flags. Seen along the way, jumping carp and 2 bald e

- c. Cardboard Boat Race – Member Deb Talamini has been trying to keep up with the changes for the event. Even with many not available we believe we can go this Sunday as long as there is no severe weather. Water level and clarity should be in our favor. Since the duck race starts at 1PM please gather about noon to prepare to launch and then recover the ducks. Our race follows at 2PM. There has been a lot of inquiry and hopefully we will have several participants even though we have been advised that some seasoned racers will not be able to participate due to the change of date. But we are still hoping for a successful event.
  - d. Source to Sea Clean - Up – Scheduled for October 4 / 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Discussion and agreement that we should have 2 dumpsters one for recyclables and the other for trash. Our honorary member Rebecca Talamini has done that herself in the past
- 5. e. AHRC Ordinance – Member Alan Baker** reported at the Board of Selectmen's meeting the AHRC ordinance was on the agenda. It was discussed that the wording of the ordinance did not contain the position terms and that those would be added to the ordinance in the future. However, there are terms listed for each member, it is just not part of the wording.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 7/19/2013