

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom Talamini	Deb Talamini	Dick Sullivan	Jim Halloran	Al Floyd
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ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney	Albert Grant
Ray Jones	Lois Noble	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Scott Tripp

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Regular September 19, 2013 Meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – nothing new.
 - b. Water testing – no report.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Discussion took place about repairing the missing bridge, busy beaver activity, missing bench was found but need to get in water to retrieve it.
 - d. Window decals – Two stickers sold (1 @ Fun paddle and 1 @ Dog Park events) - 59 left
 - e. Source to Sea Clean-up – Sunday, Oct 6: A little rain didn't keep AHRC members from being river stewards. Three boats full of trash were collected from the East Windsor Scantic River; thanks to the hardy bunch of paddling trash collectors. Also member Joann D. cleaned the filter bed area this past Friday and dragged the trash out. Still awaiting word on tonnage from our Source to Sea dumpster.
 - f. September Fun Paddle Event (Sept 29) – a perfect autumn day for a leisurely paddle, with 11 kayaks and 3 canoes. Several new paddlers attended and navigated the twists and turns. Received positive feedback from the event.
 - g. Social Media – Several photos and updates have been posted on our AHRC Facebook page from latest events. No blogging activity.
5. **New Business**
 - a. October 19th work party scheduled. Several members can't make it; but for those who can river or trail work are options.
November 10th was set as November work party (Sunday – as it is hunting season). Plans to get trails in shape with anticipation of New Years Day hike event. Meet at 9AM in Melrose. Clear trails, repair foot bridges and possibly spray paint yellow trail head markings on trees (rather than wooden diamonds).
 - b. SRWA Afternoon Paddle Event–Saturday, September 28: A few AHRC members participated on a gorgeous Indian summer afternoon at Somersville pond..
6. **Public input:** None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Talamini – 10/23/2013