

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joanne Drapeau  
Dick Sherman

Albert Grant  
Dick Sullivan

Jim Halloran  
Tom Talamini

Ray Jones  
Deb Talamini

Barbara Sherman

**ABSENT:**

Alan Baker

Al Floyd

Ken Francis

Sue Gaffney

Lois Noble

Scott Tripp

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:07 PM

2. **MINUTES** of Regular September 19, 2013 Meeting, having not been approved at the last meeting due to a lack of a quorum but having one now with the appropriate members present, were approved after MOTION TO ACCEPT. No MOTION approval was possible for the MINUTES of October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, there being no quorum in attendance that night.

3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None

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

- a. River Review – Chair noted how low it was and seeing several truck tires on a walk in from Rte. 140 to check the bridges. Vice Chair Tom Talamini said that the river had been mapped with a GPS program, which will be ready in about 2 months. Several points were marked on it. It will also cover the entire town portion of the state park, denoting the bridges which will be numbered. It was generally agreed that the trails were in good shape.
- b. Water testing – Continues but there are changes coming. With new testers, more water will be sampled and then tested immediately to make the reports more accurate. The Chair's researching sources for larger testing bottles. \$80 would cover the cost of the hand testers and he is hoping for get 2.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Discussion took place about the possible new trails and the amount of wet areas, making it difficult to do anything that would benefit the trails already done except to maybe make a shorter way out. The busy beaver has been spotted and he is working very hard.
- d. Window decals – Two stickers sold (1 @ Fun paddle and 1 @ Dog Park events) - 59 left
- e. October / November Work Party – Member Jim Halloran reported that he and Member Alan with help moved the big bridge back into place. Members Dick Sullivan, Lois Noble and a volunteer cleared 3 big snags in the river but there is still much more work to be done on the progress going south.
- f. Source to Sea – Still waiting on report of tonnage collected.
- g. Social Media / Publicity – Nothing new posted but publicity has been submitted for the Annual New Year's Day hike. Article was submitted to North Central News stating time for start of hike at 1PM with people and pet food donations accepted. It will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual and discussion re the signage followed.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. December 8<sup>th</sup> , Sunday, work party scheduled, meeting at 9AM at Melrose Bridge. This will be another preparation for the hike to firm up some of the bridges, etc. There might be marker work done as well. At next meeting, December 19, Chair asked that members have their thoughts about goals for the new year.
- b. SRWA - March, the 29, 2014, will be the Spring Splash.
- c. New Water Testing Monitors – Dr. Kirsten Martin together with other teachers and students are working on a project to better test the water of the Scantic River. It will now cover both clarity and temperature.

She has 2 new meters to be placed in East Windsor.

**6. Public input:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 11/25/2013