

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2015
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Baker	Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Jim Halloran	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Dick Sullivan	Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini
Scott Tripp		

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney
Ray Jones	Lois Noble	

GUESTS: John Burnham and Sharon Tripp

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

2. **MINUTES** of February 19, 2015: Motioned and Approved.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said no change, she will get new printout for next meeting.

4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Member Alan Baker proposed 5. f) Archeological Survey - details

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

- a. River Review – River appears to be open. Perfect for a ride down.
- b. Water testing – Can now resume with the open water. We will be testing for Dr. Dube at 3 sites, at the headwaters of the Scantic River, about the middle and at the Osborn Mill Bridge.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Members reported that there were signs the trail was getting a lot of use by dog owners and it was suggested that a gentle reminder that if the only area the dogs could walk on was the trail that perhaps the trail should be left clear for the next walkers. It was noted a large tree had fallen in the beach area.
- d. CT Trail Day Hike – Member Alan Baker confirmed our hike will take place on Saturday June 6th starting at 9:30 AM. The state flyers would be out in a couple of weeks. Member Deb Talamini will put the information on social media.
- e. Patch Blog / Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini has been up with pictures.
- f. **Added:** Archeological Survey – Member Alan Baker walked the proposed new trail with a member of ACS Consulting Services to conform with regulations regarding old Indian areas. The proposed route was moved slightly to avoid any issues. and

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. March work party – With snow predicted for this weekend, efforts will be postponed again but definitely work will need to be done in April.
- b. SRWA – Member Albie Grant reminded us the Spring Splash is scheduled for Saturday March 28th since the river appears to be flowing. Albie will need help cooking hot dogs that day from 8:30 – 3 with the

largest crowd usually between 11 and 2PM . .

- c. Family Safety Day – Melissa Maltese told of a planned town event to focus on health and safety and inquired if the AHRC member were interested in having a booth / table to have information as to some rules of the water.
 - d. Scout Hall Property Acquisition – Members Tom Talamini and Dick Sherman attended a South Windsor Planning and Zoning meeting during which that town agreed to turn over some open space area to Scout Hall, for their oversight of the property. Guest John Burnham told how they would be able to handle the management of the property which could be used by the public, per the Scout Hall contract agreements. There might be grant money for a boat launch area and that will be looked into.
7. **PUBLIC INPUT** – John Burnham noted how well received the AHRC members and Scout Hall representatives were at the South Windsor meeting.

An invitation was turned over to AHRC for members to meet with the new River Steward on April 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman
3/20/2015