

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2015  
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Alan Baker	Al Floyd	Ray Jones
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini	Scott Tripp

**ABSENT:**

Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney
Albert Grant	Jim Halloran	Lois Noble

**GUEST:** Rebecca Talamini

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of April 16, 2015: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini reported there are 9 decals the AHRC has \$698.96 in its 2 accounts.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Member Alan Baker proposed 4. h) Stickers
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – Member Lois Noble paddled from Melrose Bridge to the filter beds and reported there were 3 portage areas. Lots of garbage evident between Rte. 140 and the filter beds. Chair told of paddling from filter beds to Omelia Road and finding it passable but with some stuff down. That section should be easy work but necessary.
  - b. Water testing – Dr. Kirsten Martin, our associate member, did receive a grant to fund further water testing. Dr. Martin forwarded the information that the new River Steward was hoping that our group could follow the rest of the state in testing for e coli which is once a week all summer long. Dr. Martin said the cost of a 20 pack of colilert/quant-tray materials needed to cover 5 sites for one month would be \$172.69. If we were to do less, the cost needless to say would be less. The Chair gave this information to Robin Newton for review by her office and others to see what funding would be available. Member Alan Baker noted that the area near the Harrington River should be considered for testing.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Member Alan Baker met again to review the plans for the new trails and was able to convince all concerned that his original layout was best. No other approvals will be needed.
  - d. CT Trail Day Hike – Volunteers from Ethos Energy will be at the Melrose Bridge starting point on Thursday, June 4 at 9 AM. Members Tom Talamini, Alan Baker, Dick Sherman, and possibly Dick Sullivan, will be there as well, for trail clean-up. The trails should be in good shape for the June 6<sup>th</sup> hike. The port-a-pot will be available that work day as well as for the hike.
  - e. Can and Bottle Receptacle – has been placed on Rte. 140 near the Scantic River, with hopes of keeping the river clean of recyclables. Members commented on how good it looked and hope it will be used well.
  - f. Cardboard Boat Race – publicity is out with flyers sent to every school family. It has been on Face Book and articles were sent to all the local newspapers.
  - g. Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini has posted the CT Trail information as well as the picture of the can and bottle receptacle. Her picture was then reposted onto an East Windsor FB page so word is

out.

- h. Stickers:** Member Alan Baker acted upon last month's discussion and ordered another 250 stickers (decals) to help raise funds to support our efforts.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. May work party – Members will meet on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM at Melrose Bridge to do a trip down to the filter beds, trying to clear the fallen trees blocking the path and hopefully eliminate the portage areas. Then June 4 will be a trail work party as mentioned before with Ethos Energy but anyone else is welcome.
  - b. SRWA – Spring Splash was held with a little less participation due to the change in the schedule. Members of SRWA passed along information that the DEEP was putting a temporary ban on alcohol at the Enfield Section of Scantic River State Park after the bad behavior there last summer.
  - c. June Meeting date will be changed due to the unavailability of several members of the Commission. It will be rescheduled for June 25 one week later and, after confirmation that the library room, is available, this change will be posted on the town website. .
  - d. General Meeting: It was noted again that East Windsor was hosting a General Meeting with Economic Development Consultant, Roger J. O'Brien as speaker at its meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and members were encouraged to attend.
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT** – A note was sent to Member Ray Jones thanking him for his attention to the filter bed area, making it possible for someone to walk easily in a wooded area but at the same time be easily reached if a necessity arose. It is welcomed input from residents who are aware of the work that the commission members do to benefit the town. Member Deb Talamini found a thank you post on our website too.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
5/22/2015