

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Dick Sullivan	Deb Talamini	Scott Tripp

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis
Sue Gaffney	Albert Grant	Jim Halloran
Ray Jones	Lois Noble	Tom Talamini

GUEST:

Rebecca Talamini

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:13 PM

2. **MINUTES** of June 25, 2015 Special Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini confirmed there are 9 decals from original batch and 250 from the new order, which Dick Sherman has in his possession.

4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** *6d: Contract at Town Hall*

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

- a. River Review – On Sunday, a total of 10 members and some volunteers put in at the filter beds for a fun paddle with chain saws. The saws came in handy for several small snags and then the 4 trees on top of each other from shore to shore which had to be cut through. The 1 hour 15 minutes normal ride time turned into 4 hours. But now that area is open (until the next time something falls down).
- b. Water testing – Dr. Kirsten Martin's testing has showed elevated bacteria in this week's results. In an effort to try and pinpoint the source, a 4th test site has been added for the second set of tests.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail – No members have reported using the trails lately (it is river time) but other hikers have said that the trails have some overgrowth and all who use the trails are encouraged to bring along some clipper to help control the vines.
- d. Can and Bottle Receptacle – Members put the roof on after the last meeting, in the pouring rain. Sadly, it seems that several people are dropping off mattresses. Member Ray Jones took them to the Highway department and asked that it post a "do no dump" sign.
- e. Cardboard Boat Race – Event will be held on Sunday July 19, pending the condition of the river.
- f. Facebook / Publicity – Great article in Thrifty Reminder about the Cardboard Boat Race and notice has appeared in the Hartford Courant event listings. WFSB also has been reporting our race.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. August work party – Members will meet on Saturday August 22nd – with exact details decided at next

meeting. Member Ray Jones continuing his work on filter beds park area on a regular basis, helped clear foliage to make water testing easier.

- b. SRWA – Did not hold a meeting this month but plan a memorial service on July 25 and is planning a full moon paddle for August 29.
 - c. 5 Acres of land – which was offered to the Town by Barbara Sabonis-Chaffee was accepted at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting. It is hoped that volunteers and town workers can create a park for added enjoyment of the Scantic River.
 - d. **Contract: Chair was told there was a 2-page contract at Town Hall and hopefully it is the grant to help pay back the volunteers for their equipment use in creating the greenway in Town.**
7. **PUBLIC INPUT** – A Thank You was received from Rivers Alliance of CT for our donation and support of it's activities.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman
7/17/2015