

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

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

GUEST: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM

2. **MINUTES** of August 20, 2015 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini reported no activity.

4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None

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

- a. River Review – A work party of 4 went in at the Nike property and worked up toward Wickett's Bridge. They observed a lot of big stuff looking north from where they ended. Once the water level goes down, there will be more work to be done because there is debris just 6 inches below water line.
- b. Water testing – Dr. Kirsten Martin reported severe conditions this week at Brook Broad and yellow flag conditions at Old Melrose Bridge and Rte. 140. She will stop testing for e coli as of September 27. The members still hope to be able to identify the source and find ways of eliminating or mitigating it.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail – It is getting a lot of use but many of the dog owners are allowing the dogs to use the trail itself and not cleaning up afterwards, rather than encouraging the dogs to go off the trail to do what they needed.
- d. Can and Bottle Receptacle – Still doing well and the proceeds paid for the refreshments at the dedication event, as well as the hats that are for sale.
- e. Sabonis-O'Leary Land Donation – Celebration took place on Saturday August 29 with 83 attending. Event started with a paddle to the "landing" and refreshments were served at noon. Many thanks to the members of Scout Hall for helping with the meal. T-shirts identified the family and members of the Commission so it was a sea of safety green.
- f. Source to Sea: Member Deb Talamini has reported the tires and other rubbish that have already been pulled from the river will be added to the total for our town's efforts. She has received information that the tires can be dropped off at a Bridgestone tire center in either Enfield or Vernon. The other has been recycled or disposed of.
- g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted highlight pictures from the dedication. She provided Barbara Sabonis with a CD of pictures taken by Dave Menard and herself to Barbara's delight.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. September party – Members will meet on Saturday September 19 at 9AM at John Burnham's barn and then try to finish the last section to make the river passable from Enfield to South Windsor. Another work party is tentatively scheduled for October 10. It is hoped that a fun paddle could be scheduled for October 17.
- b. SRWA – Held a full moon paddle on August 29. The monthly meeting for September was cancelled.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Barbara Sabonis thanked everyone for the good time her family enjoyed.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman
9/17/2015