

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau	Jim Halloran	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan	Deb Talamini
Tom Talamini		

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Al Floyd	Ken Francis
Sue Gaffney	Albert Grant	Ray Jones
Lois Noble	Scott Tripp	

GUEST: Rebecca Talamini

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

2. MINUTES of September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.

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

4. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: 6. d. – Grant requirements, 6.e. – New Year's Day Hike

5. ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:

- a. River Review – Vice Chair Tom Talamini reported that we were “connected” from Omelia Road to the Nike site. After several work parties, that section of the Scantic River is now open, not perfect but pretty close. He also stated that surprisingly there was little litter found as they opened the section for passage of canoes/kayaks. It was noted how quickly the river empties and it is very noticeable that area.
- b. Water testing – Dr. Kirsten stopped testing for e coli as of September 20. But the regular testing continues. She hoped to have her annual results on water temperature and PH levels available soon.
- c. Scantic River State Park Trail – It is very overgrown. Now the group needs to turn its attention back to the what needs to be done on maintaining the trail and the start of the new trails. Chair wants to walk the old trail and get measurements so wood can be ordered for the enhancement of the bridges. A walk around the filter bed area shows it is still in good condition.
- c. Can and Bottle Receptacle – seeing a lot of use.
- e. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini added tire recovery pictures to the contest for Source to Sea clean-up and remarked on the various postings. She will add information as to our paddle to our Facebook page.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. October FUN party – All are invited to meet for a fun paddle on Sunday October 18 at 1 PM at Cemetery Road parking lot. Some shuttling will be done prior to launch heading for the new Scout Hall Property near Schank Road. It is expected the paddle down will take 3 to 3 ½ hours.
- b. SRWA – Annual meeting will be held October 19.
- c. Board of Selectmen's Meeting – An upcoming meeting will have AHRC on its agenda to discuss changes to our charge. Info as to date of that meeting will follow.

- d. **Grant Requirements** - Jennifer Browne from First Selectman's office is handling the paperwork for the grant. Upon reading the requirements, she found that each member working on the trails must submit a "hold harmless" form to be kept in the grant folder in her office. All members present received a copy of said form to be filled out and returned. Other forms will be on hand for completion at future work party events. It was also discussed that each volunteer's time needed to be documented so as to validate the hours put in to support our commitment to the project and fulfill the requirements of matching "funds".
- e. **New Year's Day Hike** – Although it is not yet Halloween, Member Deb Talamini asked if we were still on board for the annual hike as the deadline for submission to the various agencies was coming. It was agreed that our hike would take place again at Scantic River State Park starting at 1 PM.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sherman 10/16/2015