

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2016 - SPECIAL MEETING
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Julie Pratt
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Scott Tripp		

ABSENT:

Al Floyd	Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney
Albert Grant	Jim Halloran	Ray Jones
Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of March 17, 2016 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved, with 1 abstaining.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini had reported no current sales or donations. Commission members were told of the current balances in our accounts: \$600 regular budget account and \$628.96 in our savings account.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – There had not been any reports from those using the river recently. But it was noted that there was a considerable amount of usage of the parking area at Cemetery Road.
 - b. Water testing – Chair met with Dr. Kirsten who plans to start e coli testing in May. She said the cost of 20 test reagents was \$190.08. Since we are adding, at this time, one more site in East Windsor because the sites tested last summer had shown very high levels of the bacteria, 20 reagents will last us just one month. And if the numbers remain high as they did last year, more sites might be needed to ensure the safety of those using the river.

MOTION: made by Member Alan Baker
To allocate from our budget \$50 each to the 2 groups which support the river: CT Rivers Alliance and CT River Watershed Council; then \$200 to cover cost of reagents for the month of May. Further to allocate \$200 from our savings account to cover cost of reagents for the month of June.
MOTION SECONDED: by Member Scott Tripp.
VOTE: in favor was unanimous.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – Member Scott Tripp reported that the state park trail up to bridge #8 is in good shape with little overgrowth. Member Alan Baker said the measurements for the needed bridge on the new trails had been done. Member Jim Halloran was going to draw up plans for it. Discussion as to cost of materials and balance in our grant took place. Jennifer Browne our contact person will be kept informed as to the progress on the new trail work.

- d. Can and Bottle Receptacle – being used.
- e. CT Trail's Day Hike – Ethos Energy was contacted and they are on board with helping to prepare the trails for the event. They will contact us with the date they are available prior to our hike for Sunday, June 5th which starts at 10 AM.
- f. March Work Party – took place at the former Sabonis property with lots of brush cleared.
Work received an “atta boy” from former members.
- g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini, in posting about the cardboard boat race, had received questions on the materials that can be used. Members reviewed the rules of past races and felt they should stand as previously listed – notably no screws allowed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. April work party – Scheduled for April 30, meeting at former Sabonis property at 8:30.
 - b. SRWA – No meeting this month.
 - c. Letter from Veterans' Committee – Members were asked who might be available to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. But there were not enough who would be local and without other commitments to make a decent showing to represent AHRC. We, therefore, will decline the invitation.
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT** – It had been reported that members of the Historical Society planned a walk in from Scantic Road to Wickett's Bridge. Maybe some Commission members would join them. In prior conversations with Town officials, there had been agreement to place some road tailings in that area to make accessibility easier. Hopefully that can still happen.

PS Sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Al Floyd on the recent death in their family.
And hopes that former member Gil Hayes continues to mend after his surgery.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:450 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sherman 4/22/2016