

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2016**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis
Albert Grant	Jim Halloran	Rebecca Talamini

**GUESTS:**

Selectman Dick Pippin

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of November 17, 2016 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini - no transactions to report. It noted a budget increase to cover additional E. coli testing next year was requested.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – After rising from rainfall, the river has quickly emptied and is low again..
  - b. Water testing – Deb Nordell continues her great job of monthly testing and will do so unless the river or area up to it is too frozen.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area –Filter bed area is still in good condition. Trail needs repair of two bridges but otherwise is ready for the hike per member Deb Talamini.
  - d. Can and Bottle Receptacle – Bin emptied of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of deposits.
  - e. November Work Party – Banner was raised at the Broad Brook School parking lot and has held up well in the severe winds. Also 2 members erected 4 signs on the trail to indicate the way to the parking lot when you come down off the ridge trail, and ridge loop and trail signs.
  - f. Grant – Application was submitted making the deadline.
  - g. Social Media / Publicity – Information is out to join with other first day hike releases.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. December work party – Scheduled for Monday December 26 11 AM meeting at Melrose Road Trailhead to repair 2 bridges and finalize inspection of trails for hike.

- b. SRWA – About 30 attended the annual meeting on December 1. It featured a video of highlights from the Spring Splash which has been held for 25 years. A thank you plaque was presented to the owner of the Powder Hollow Barn for his support over the course of the event.
- c. New Year's Day Hike – Member Scott Tripp and Sharon will be collecting food for people and pets. There will be the burn barrel and hot chocolate will be served. The portable toilet will be brought down to the parking lot. Dick Pippin has offered a replacement roof for the facility and hopefully that can happen, all weather and health dependent.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Sherman 12/15/2016