

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THURSDAY - January 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

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

GUESTS:

Selectman Dick and Kathy Pippin

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Dec 15, 2016 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini received \$9.00 from sales of AHRC decals at the First Day Hike.
4. **NO ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - River Review – water levels have risen a bit; but still low
 - Water testing continues with Drs. Martin & Dube
 - Dick Sherman presented a hard copy of the full Scantic River report: "State of the Scantic River" (Enfield to South Windsor). A copy was also dropped off to our First Selectman's office.
 - Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – all reported in good condition
 - Can and Bottle Receptacle - has been active
 - December Work Party - Several members and volunteers joined in the work day prior to First Day Hike to repair bridges/mud walks and hang banner in preparation for 1-1-17 event.
 - New Year's Day Hike was a great success with over 200 participants and great weather! Collections for our Five Corner Food Pantry were delivered and weighed in at 183 lbs of human food and 220 lbs of pet food + a \$100 donation. Thanks to member Scott Tripp and Sharon for coordinating the food drive.
 - Social Media/publicity has been kept up to date with photos from First Day Hike and a nice article was published in the Courant Community section of newspaper as well.

<http://www.courant.com/community/east-windsor/hc-en-east-windsor-new-years-day-hike-0112-20170110-story.html>

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. January work party – nothing scheduled as it depends on weather conditions. Once weather gets warmer we can target those areas that need maintenance and start on staking
- b. SRWA – annual Splash for March in Enfield section and their annual Super Bowl Sunday hike are scheduled.
- c. CT Trails day was discussed as application for entry in annual booklet needs to be completed. Member Deb Talamini will serve as the leader of that event and coordinate with the CT Woodlands Association.

Upcoming events:

June 4 - CT Trails Day hike

June 25 - annual Cardboard Boat Race & Rubber Duck Race

7. PUBLIC INPUT – None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
1/22/2017