

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - JUNE 15, 2017
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Julie Pratt	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini
Rebecca Talamini	Tom Talamini

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau
Jim Halloran	Dick Sullivan
Scott Tripp	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **MINUTES** of May 18, 2017 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded, Approved with 2 Abstaining.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing new.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – Seems fairly clear and from roadways looks open.
 - b. Water testing – Last week's report was all RED. This week BLUE except for Rte. 140 and Mill Street, while East Road site remained RED. Testing sites were weed wacked to make the access for sampling easier.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Beds – About 70% was mowed prior to hike and observed several trees had come down after the past work party. Good police presence at the filter bed area.
 - d. Bottle Receptacle – Activity continues with the dumping at the site continuing.
 - e. Update on RTP Grant – The "last" bit of paperwork is in. There was much discussion about the price of lumber and other aspects of the project. Still no date for the funding.
 - f. CT Trails Day hike - It was awesome = 30 adults, 10 kids, 1 dog. Member Albie Grant and wife Donna lead first group and Deb and Tom the second. All enjoyed the park's charm, tepee and flora.
 - g. Cardboard Boat Race – Preparations and publicity all covered; hot dog truck will be there. Rules posted on Face Book page and articles sent to newspapers. Hoping for lots of boat. Will do what we can to assist BMX group.
 - h. Membership – It was again mentioned that there are 2 Alternate slots open and they needed to be filled by persons who could not only attend meetings but help on work parties as well.
 - i. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb has posted article re Hike and the cardboard boat race.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. June Work party – Scheduled for this Saturday, June 16 to take canoe down from filter beds

to Sabonis Landing to ensure area is open for cardboard boat race. Meeting time 9 AM at filter beds. Previous week work party was cancelled due to adverse water conditions.

- b. SRWA – At their meeting, they reported that the work on removing Springborn Dam will begin this week. Also no moon light paddle this month but perhaps Labor Day weekend.
- c. Park and Rec Request – Melissa Maltese had asked if we wanted to schedule an event for the month on July. We stated that we needed to complete the Cardboard Boat Race first. But here is a hope of doing a paddle on the Connecticut River ending at Volunteer Park with a picnic but first things first.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

- Upcoming events:

June 25 - annual Cardboard Boat Race & Rubber Duck Race

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sherman
6/15/2017