

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THURSDAY - AUGUST 17, 2017 REGULAR MEETING WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Joanne Drapeau | Al Floyd        |
| Albert Grant   | Barbara Sherman |
| Dick Sherman   | Dick Sullivan   |
| Deb Talamini   | Tom Talamini    |

#### **ABSENT:**

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| Alan Baker  | Jim Halloran     |             |
| Julie Pratt | Rebecca Talamini | Scott Tripp |

**GUESTS:** Debra Nordell

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
2. **MINUTES** of July 20, 2017 Regular Meeting: **Motioned, Seconded, Approved.**
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini reported nothing new this month.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – Water is starting to get low and with conditions no one has reported any use. Deb Nordell who does the river water sampling said at some places the water level made it almost impossible to get a sample.
  - b. Water testing – This week's report was all Blue in Enfield & Somers but only Filter Bed area was BLUE in East Windsor with Ketch Brook site on Rye Street rated as Yellow as was the rest of East Windsor's sites. The college students will be testing for E. coli until the end of this month and then the members of the AHRC will continue until September 27<sup>th</sup> when the funds for the reagents will run out.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – The filter bed area still clean with trash being removed. After report a fair size tree was down at Bridge #4 in the State Park, members cleaned up the area on July 20.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Active, with the furniture finally removed and the area will be monitored.
  - e. RTP Grant Award – Secretary reported that the decking material in large part will be paid for by a generous donation. The report is that the walkway has been fabricated but no decision as to whether decking will be applied before or after installation. Our target date for placement of walkway is about September 11.
  - f. Source 2 Sea – There were 15 boats with 19 paddlers on a perfect day for a paddle on the Connecticut River. Our Town was praised for being the only town on the river to have an official committee with members dedicated to making residents aware of the River as a resource. The hot dogs and buns served at the picnic after the paddle were furnished by the Park & Rec Department and Melissa Maltese is thanked for her help in making it all possible. Member Scott Tripp did an excellent job of cooking and serving. Other members

provided other food items and all enjoyed a great day.

Prior to the paddle, at King's Island where we gathered, John Morrison from USGS gave a demonstration of his remote controlled boat. This boat is used to monitor the CT River charting the riverbed, the water content, and many other items. Mr. Morrison works out of the East Hartford office and monitors particularly from Thompsonville, CT (Enfield). See <https://newengland.water.usgs.gov> for more info. The CT River Conservancy (formerly Connecticut River Watershed Council) sponsored the Source 2 Sea event. ([www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org))

- g. Commission Vacancy – Per the State of the Town, we have 2 alternate member spots open and AHRC is looking to fill them with people who are interested in the outdoors.

Social Media/Publicity – Member Deb Talamini continues to publis/

- h. h weekly our E. coli results and has posted pictures from the Paddle/Picnic for all to see.
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## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. August Work Party – Saturday August 26 members will meet at the recycle receptacle on Rte. 140 near Main Street to work on the trail addition to the existing Scantic River State Park trails. The E. coli designation prohibits work on the river.
- b. Scantic River Watershed Association – At their full moon paddle about 40 boaters came for a beautiful night on the pond. The rain the previous night made conditions perfect. Good job.

## **7. PUBLIC INPUT / QUESTIONS:**

Deb Nordell asked the members to please attend the dedication of the Veteran's Park next Thursday August 24 starting at 6 PM. There will be a reception at Main Fish House afterwards. She also mentioned that the Warehouse Point Fire Department will be holding a mum sale September 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment : 7:45 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, Secretary  
August 18, 2017