

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini
Dick Sullivan	Scott Tripp

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau
Jim Halloran	Julie Pratt
Rebecca Talamini	

GUEST: Robin Myers, President of Chamber of Commerce

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM
2. **MINUTES** of September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded, Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said all status quo.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** 6. C. Lean-To on Trail
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – Hardly any water.
 - b. Water testing – Regular water testing continues even after E.coli testing has ended. Students would like to come and tell us about their work on the E. coli project. It was discussed that we invite the Board of Selectmen and members of the SRWA to attend that meeting. A Student who is doing a special research project relating to the Ketch Brook site on Rye Street has been given permission to park on the private driveway at that spot.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – The filter bed area is in pretty good shape as of 3 days ago. Members cleaned up some of the downed tree at the bridge and also did measurement for bridge on extended trail.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Was very active.
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Secretary reported the walkway is in place. Highway Department added some material to ramp up to it on the east side. Needed is some remediation to prevent soil erosion and provide some safety factors. Hoping to get some assistance from Herb Holden.
 - f. Membership - Commission Vacancy – Ms. Myers is interested in joining our group but it would be as an associate since she is not a Town resident. We still have 2 alternate spots unfilled.
 - g. Social Media/Publicity – Member Deb Talamini was posted the pictures from the walkway placement. And will prepare a posting for our New Year's Day Hike.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. October Work Party – Set for Saturday, October 21, members meeting at 8:30 AM at Dick Sullivan's to go to the SRS Park to measure for the 2nd bridge. Future work party activity will be on a call basis with weather changing.
- b. Scantic River Watershed Association – Has not planned its annual meeting to date.
- c. **Lean To on Trail** – Member Alan Baker reported seeing and taking down a lean-to that had been erected on the trail. His report generated a response from Laurie Giannotti, of DEEP, telling that they were in the process of hiring a Park Supervisor for this area. We have no knowledge of who had cut down the trees and built this campsite and hoping that no further damage is done by the individual(s).

7. PUBLIC INPUT / QUESTIONS:

Ms. Myers was pleased to get a first-hand look at who we are and what we do.

Adjournment : 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, Secretary
October 20, 2017