

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2017
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau
Jim Halloran	Rebecca Talamini

GUEST: Mark Whelden, prospective member

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **MINUTES** of October 16, 2017 Special Meeting: Motioned, Seconded, Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said nothing new.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – Lots of water and lots of movement.
 - b. Water testing – Students still trying to find a time to come and tell us about their work on the E. coli project. Dr. Martin and the Student who is doing a special research project relating to the Ketch Brook site on Rye have already been taking samples of the sand.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – The filter bed area is still in pretty good shape. Another reported tree is down in the State Park up on the hill and the trail will definitely be walked and issues addressed before the hike. We have been told a Park Supervisor has been assigned to the area. Vandalism of the new walkway has been reported to the Police Department which has stepped up patrols on the Melrose Road.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Doing well.
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Secretary reported Herb Holden donated 3 yards of gravel and Member Albert Grant said that Charlie McComb hoped to be able to come tomorrow. Charlie is volunteering his time and will bring his bobcat to spread the gravel on the west side of the river. Wetlands has turned to Len Norton to advise on ideas to prevent soil erosion and provide some safety factors.
 - f. Work Party report – Red Diamond Trail (extension of existing trail on east side of Scantic) work included measuring 2nd bridge.
 - g. Membership - Commission Vacancy – Mark Whelden is planning to submit paperwork to become an alternate.
 - h. Social Media/Publicity – Member Deb Talamini was listed our New Year's Day Hike with the State. She will start on Face Book postings. Deb has obtained extra copies of the Source

to Sea Fall newsletter and passed them out to other members.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. November / December Work Party – Will continue to leave it that if anyone had free time to put out a request to do a job. Probably will put up banner on Saturday, December 16.
- b. Scantic River Watershed Association – Has set its Annual Meeting for December 4 at 7 PM at the Hazardville Methodist Church in Enfield.

6. PUBLIC INPUT / QUESTIONS: None

Adjournment : 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, Secretary
November 20, 2017