

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - January 18, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd Albert Grant
Dick Sherman Deb Talamini
Dick Sullivan Scott Tripp
Julie Pratt Mark Wheldon
 Guest: Sue Gaffney

ABSENT:

Barbara Sherman
Alan Baker Joanne Drapeau
Jim Halloran Rebecca Talamini

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **MINUTES** of December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting were motioned, seconded & approved, with one edit (New Business c: should read "Tripp" family, not Scott family).
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini reported no new transactions.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** none
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – water levels are at flood stage. Member Julie Pratt reported seeing 4 American Black Ducks and Hooded Mergansers (near Cemetery Road); which is an indication that the water quality must be good for feeding.
 - b. Water testing – Regular testing ongoing. And a request was made for E coli samples on January 27-28, Dick Sherman will take local samples of cow and pigs to submit.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – areas have been snow plowed.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Dick Sherman emptied before snowstorm
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Final payment from the Grant has been held up at Town Hall. Walkway is completed, awaiting final sign off from First Selectman's office on bills and engineer's report prior to payment of 5% retainage, per contract.
 - f. Membership - One membership resignation is expected.

- g. Social Media/Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted 'First Day' Hike photos on our Facebook page and submitted emails to DEEP with photos and results of our event (about 65 hikers and 175 lbs of food donations to Five Corner Cupboard + \$25).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Work Party – January & February work days will depend on weather and what damage the flooding has caused. Will need some 'repair' hours for certain.
- b. Dick Sherman asked members to think about any suggestions they may have for the Braille signage at SRSP. Plaques will be made and we'd like them to be informative of the area.
- c. Scantic River Watershed Association – Superbowl hike will be February 4 in Enfield. Splash will be end of March.
- d. New Year's Day Hike – The hike banner needs some minor repair from the wind.

6. PUBLIC INPUT / QUESTIONS: None

Adjournment : 7:39PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
January 21, 2018