

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd
Albert Grant	Julie Pratt
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini	Dick Sullivan
Scott Tripp	Mark Whelden

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Jim Halloran
Rebecca Talamini	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **MINUTES** of January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded, Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said nothing new. Secretary asked if the money in the 'donation' account could be used for Braille signs since it was not needed for other walkway expenses and members thought it would be a good use of the funds.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** 6. d) CT Trails Day, 6. e) Heritage Day, Cardboard Boat Race
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – River is back within its banks after being very high as late as this past weekend.
 - b. Water testing – Deb Nordell is continuing her monthly sampling of the 10 sites in accordance with our original water testing. Thanks to Member Albie Grant and Dick Sherman, Dr. Derek Dube's request for his MicroBiology class was fulfilled, getting samples from geese, cows, sheep, horse, and chicken. At the end of the semester, Members will be invited to a presentation from the students on their findings.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail / Filter Bed area – A volunteer reported that bridge #1 was 50 yards to the east of its position and bridge #5 was slightly off position. Also to prevent further traffic across the grass areas one of our volunteers clearly marked the roadway at the filter beds. Several Members took part in a work part to cut up logs for the mudwalks for the red-tip trail.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Lots of results from Super Bowl Sunday.
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Secretary reported the Town received the electronic transfer of the remainder of the first grant which will pay the 2 outstanding Kelly Fradet bills and the cost of the bond. We are awaiting the deposit of the RTP grant money which will pay off the cost of the walkway. She is working on wording for the Braille signs and financing for them.
 - f. Membership – Member Jim Halloran informally stated he would be resigning due to personal commitments but hoped to be able to take part in some work activities

when time permitted. Member Alan Baker sent the Chair a copy of his resignation letter again stating too many other commitments. We will then have 2 permanent positions vacant and 1 alternate vacancy.

- g. Social Media/Publicity – Member Deb Talamini’s submitted article made the North Central Newsletter along with a picture of our New Year’s Day Hike participants.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. February Work Party – Members will watch the weather and try to meet up when there is a good day to work on the trails on east side of River.
- b. Scantic River Watershed Association – Postponed their Meeting. It was noted they had about 60 hikers on Super Bowl Sunday even with the icy conditions. The Spring Splash is set for March 31.
- c. Visitation was cancelled.
- d. **CT Trails Day** – Our hike is planned on **Sunday**, June 3rd starting at 10 AM and will be added to the State brochure listings. More details to come.
- e. **Heritage Day (formerly Community Day)** – Treasurer Deb Talamini reminded Members that we had committed to providing a float for the Parade. Route is from Reservoir Park to Main Street & Route 140. It will be September 22nd and start at 2:50 PM to honor the 250th Celebration. Also she will confirm with the BMX group to see if they are planning on a duck race this year and coordinate with them as to date for our Cardboard Boat Race.

6. PUBLIC INPUT / QUESTIONS: None

Adjournment : 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, Secretary
February 16, 2017