

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - May 17, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau	Albert Grant
Dick Sherman	Mark Whelden
Tom Talamini	Debbie Talamini
Scott Tripp	Al Floyd
Julie Pratt	

ABSENT:

Barbara Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Rebecca Talamini	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
2. **MINUTES** of April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini noted that transactions have been made for Braille signage and will give a full balance report in July, with start of new fiscal year.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – water levels are up and down with rainfall.
 - b. Water testing – regular testing ongoing; Ecoli invoice has been paid, testing will start in early June; two sites will be added (Windsorville Pond and Cemetery Road).
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Beds – Filter Bed Park looks in good condition. A work party on May 12 at SRSP was very productive at Melrose Walkway area; and cutting downed limbs and branches along yellow trail. In need of some knotweed control on new west side blue trail. Evidence of fishing activity and the ticks are out in full swing.
 - d. Bottle Receptacle – Activity continues, and a thank you note found in last collection! Thanking us for our trail work.
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Tom Talamini and Dick Sherman finished installing the backing on our Braille signs. Now ready for CT Trails Day and posting.
 - f. Membership - two full time openings available. We welcomed a new trail work volunteer, Steve Uhl at our last work party.
 - g. Social Media/publicity – Deb Talamini reported that the CT Trails Day booklets are out listing our East Windsor trail event on June 3. Trails day and Ribbon Cutting event has been submitted to all local newspapers and posted on our Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. May work party – Dick Sherman hopes to get out again to put knotweed killer down.
- b. SRWA – No meeting. Anticipating a Full Moon Paddle date to be determined.
- c. CT Trail Day & Ribbon Cutting Event - All plans are in order for a great celebration of the Melrose Walkway and Trail conditions are passable.
- d. Heritage Day EW250 - Member Julie Pratt said she would paint AHRC banners for our float in the parade.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – None

- Upcoming events:
 - June 3 - CT Trails Day hike and Ribbon Cutting
 - June 30 - annual Cardboard Boat Race & Rubber Duck Race
 - September 22 - East Windsor 250th Heritage Day parade (AHRC float)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
May 21, 2018