

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THURSDAY - JUNE 21, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Julie Pratt	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Debbie Talamini
Tom Talamini	Dick Sullivan
Mark Whelden	

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Rebecca Talamini
Scott Tripp	

GUEST: Sue Gaffney Sullivan

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini verified sales of decals from Hike totaling \$28; per Treasurer's Office as of May 4, 2018 our balance in the donation/sales savings account was \$392.96.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: 6. e. Heritage Day Parade**
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – water level is LOW – hoping enough for our boat race and duck race.
 - b. Water testing – regular testing ongoing; a change in the usual Wednesday testing for E. coli testing, during the holiday week it will be done on Monday July 2nd and results available on the 3rd.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Beds – Reported that the offshoot trail from Route 140 is severely overgrown. Deb Nordell said the State had been cutting trees near that area and they had fallen across the river. Flowers in barrel are doing well in the heat and flag still in place. Prior to the hike, there were 2 work party days and trails were in great condition for the hike. We had over 50 in attendance.
 - d. Bottle Receptacle – Was emptied 2 weeks ago and expect activity with holiday approaching.
 - e. RTP Grant Award – Printout of our matching to the grant was given to Laurie Giannotti of DEEP at hike. We were complimented on our work at the park by both Laurie and Ted Sauve, Park Supervisor for our area. Having ribbon-cutting in conjunction with Hike worked out well, with hikers staying around to talk, view the Braille signs and see the start of the blue tip trail.

f. Membership - two full time openings and alternate slot still available. Gratefully, Sue said she was interested in returning to the Commission.

g. Social Media/publicity – Deb Talamini reported that the CT Trails Day pictures had been posted and information about the Cardboard Boat Race and Duck Race publicized. She is hoping for more coverage and will call on the newspapers to promote it.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. June/July work party – Will schedule as time/conditions permit. Dick Sherman hopes to get material out to the site of red-tip trail to facilitate bridge structure when manpower is available.

b. SRWA – At the meeting, a Full Moon Paddle was set for August 25.

c. Cardboard Boat Race / Duck Race - Discussion as to help with capturing the ducks prior to our race. All seems to be in place – now we wait on water and water-testing report. REMINDER – THIS YEAR IT IS A **SATURDAY** JUNE 30.

d. Trail Guides – Prototype of guide was distributed, discussed with some corrections from members. It is expected they will be ready by start of new fiscal year.

e. **Heritage Day** - Just keeping it in everyone’s mind that we will be participating in the parade as part of the EW250.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – None

☐ Upcoming events: 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, Barbara Sherman June 25, 2018