

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY - JULY 19, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING  
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Joanne Drapeau	Rebecca Talamini	Mark Whelden
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**GUEST:** Ron Masters

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of June 21, 2018 Regular Meeting: Motioned, Seconded; Secretary corrected "***Deb Nordell had reported that the path to the river was blocked by the downed trees"; (the trees were not in the river);*** then Minutes were Approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said as of the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2019 our balance in the donation/sales savings account was \$490.96.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: 6. e. Heritage Day Parade**
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – water level is high again after rain. Trees needed to be removed to allow for the races – thanks to the volunteers who went early to clear the path.
  - b. Water testing – In addition to the regular monthly testing and the weekly E. coli testing, Lucy Noble a vo-ag student is helping on another project and is doing additional testing at the Omelia Bridge. This week's E. coli testing results showed RED for all 13 sites with 5 of East Windsor's 8 over the highest rating of 2419.6 CFU/100 ml. Chair weed whacked the areas around the testing sites.
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Beds – Filter bed area did not have any damage after storm and it was reported that the area was nicely mowed. State Park trail is getting overgrown. Vice Chair Tom Talamini noted that there was considerable damage to Volunteer Park with several large trees down and disruption of the guard rails; luckily no damage to the gazebos or picnic tables.
  - d. Bottle Receptacle – Good activity.
  - e. RTP Grant Award – Nothing new to report.

f. Membership - two full time openings and alternate slot still available. Commission members are talking to whoever wants to listen about joining.

g. Cardboard Boat Race – A great day was had by all with the children just delightful as they paddled. Each boat was accompanied by a volunteer as a guide. \$40 and food was donated to the 5 Corner Cupboard. MOTION was made and SECONDED to have, as a condition of our help next year, the BMX Skate Park Duck Race donate substantially (over \$100) to the Cupboard in our honor for the work we do and have done over the past years to facilitate their fundraiser. MOTION passed unanimously.

h. Trail Guides – samples were presented to the members; they were paid for with budget money and will be in the kiosks as soon as the bridges are in place.

i. Social Media/publicity – Deb Talamini posted the pictures of the Cardboard Boat Race. The Hartford Community newspaper published a great article with pictures of our ships and crews.

#### 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. June/July work party – Members will meet Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Jim Stremper's to pick up the lumber and bring it near the barns. Then Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> volunteers will meet at 9 AM at the barns to carry the lumber to the site of the 2 bridges.

b. SRWA – Will meet July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Full Moon Paddle is set for August 25.

c. Correspondence from Fuss & O'Neil – Re Watershed Mapping / Outfall Inspection. Inspectors from that company spoke with member Julie Pratt as they walked the river. Their letter is attached to the minutes.

d. Park & Rec Email – P & R is hosting a Community Night Out August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 PM. It was decided that AHRC will have a table with guides, info of our activities and applications for membership on the Commission.

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: September 22 - East Windsor 250th Heritage Day parade (AHRC float)

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:50 PM.

ATTACHMENT:



FUSS & O'NEILL

## MS4 Watershed Mapping Outfall Inspection Enfield, CT

- Fuss & O'Neill was retained by the Town of Enfield to conduct Watershed Mapping and Outfall Inspections to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) mandate.
- Overseen by the State of CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, this program is intended to help improve surface water quality by identifying and controlling potential surface water pollution sources.
- Outfall mapping involves walking all receiving water bodies and tributaries to observe the location and condition of storm water outfalls. This effort may include exploring the uplands near private property boundaries.
- During dry weather these outfalls should not be discharging. If discharge is noted, laboratory samples are collected and field conditions recorded to help determine the discharge source. Sources could be, but not limited to failed septic systems, high groundwater table, broken water mains, or unauthorized storm water system connections.
- If you have any questions regarding these services please contact Mr. Gregg Gabinelle, Deputy Director, Enfield Department of Public Works

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