

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010 MEETING

In Attendance (bold lettering denotes members):

Alan Baker **John Burnham** **John Drake** **Al Floyd** **Gil Hayes**
Barbara Sherman **Dick Sherman** **Also:** Lois Noble

Absent:

Albert Grant **Ken Francis** **Deb Talamini** **Tom Talamini**
Margaret Steinbugler **Peter Weilhouwer**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MINUTES of October 21, 2010 MEETING: Approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" (formerly Mansions on Scantic) – No foreman around but building continues.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – No response from company that does laminated guides.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Trip was made and refrigerator is no longer in the river. Charlene Baker was instructed on how to do water sampling. Next month Lois Noble will document the testing and send an article to the newspaper.
- d. Trail Markers – Another trailhead post, with an arrow pointing to the start of the trail on O'Melia will be installed tomorrow in the parking lot. A "private" sign has been attached to the bridge and a "no trail" sign will also be placed there.
- e. Membership – Alan Baker is now a member and will get sworn in shortly.
- f. Activities – Several hikes took place mapping out possible biking trails and pre-planning for clean-up day was done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. BMX Park Committee's Duck race was assisted by several member of the Commission; pictures of the event were shown. That organization sent a thank you recognizing the support and positive attitude of those who assisted. A river clean-up on Saturday had 45 volunteers collecting over 2.5 ton of trash from the various areas on South Water Street and the filter beds, among other locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. December 4 time 9-2 PM has been set for a work day; the plan is to clear area on Onofrio property for an emergency take-out spot. Also there should be time to work on widening the nature bridge.
Plan to remove beaver-leveled tree at OMelia was set for Saturday November 20 noon-2PM.
- b. A chart of proposed committees was shown and discussed for future set-up.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

- c. Talk of Facebook account showing pictures of our accomplishments and it will be updated.
- d. A suggestion that the Commission take part in Community Day this spring was agreed upon.
- e. State Statute stating no liability on the part of a property owner who allows activity on his land providing no fee is paid was discussed and copies passed around.
- f. A map showing DEP/State lands identified as Scantic River State Linear Park was viewed.
- g. South Windsor Water and Wheels Way plans to emulate East Windsor and Enfield in getting greenway status was presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 P.M.