

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2010 MEETING

In Attendance (bold lettering denotes members):

Alan Baker John Burnham John Drake Al Floyd Albert Grant Gil Hayes
Lois Noble Barbara Sherman Dick Sherman Deb Talamini Tom Talamini

Absent:

Ken Francis

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MINUTES of November 18, 2010 MEETING: Approved.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: 1. Chair called for the election of a Vice Chairman and John Burnham's name was presented. He was elected unanimously. 2. Question was raised about whether new parking lot would be plowed in winter. Chair would find out. 3. It was noted that there are at least 2 benches available and discussion followed as to where to put them. 4. Order was placed for a grappling hook to aid in removing tires, stuck in mud. 5. After the successful duck race, another is planned and proceeds could be shared with AHRC. This raised issue of whether commission could do fundraising; subject will be checked out. 6. Date and time volunteers devote to river and greenway need to be documented for future "in kind" reimbursement. 7. Spring Splash sponsored by SRWA was discussed. It was agreed that AHRC should get on board to participate and become more visible. 8. Since AHRC will take part in East Windsor's Community Day, the question of a float arose.

ON-GOING (FORMERLY UNFINISHED) BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" (formerly Mansions on Scantic) – When area for path is completed, question regarding parking for non-residents of complex will need to be answered.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – Company in Middletown will send brochure with laminated guide samples and prices.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Charlene Baker has taken over river sampling and article submitted for publication explaining purpose of keeping recreation area safe for use.
- d. Trail Markers – Another trailhead post was installed in the parking lot. Also a sign denoting area as recreation parking site was installed but will be moved to more visible location. Plans to install remaining yellow markers were discussed.
- e. Membership – Lois Noble is now a member taking over position held by M. Steinbugler whose term ends June 1, 2011. Peter Weilhouwer's term has expired and it will not be renewed since he is out of the area. But it will be filled by another applicant shortly, and then there will only be 2 alternate positions to be filled.
- f. Activities – Hike for New Year's Day planned to start at 1PM through 3 PM starting at Old Ellington Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Committees were again discussed and Members John Drake and Alan Baker will focus on the greenway aspect; John Burnham and Tom Talamini will head up river aspect; Deb Talamini and Lois Noble will do publicity and internet jobs; John Burnham will take care of Social and Albert Grant will fill in wherever he is needed.
- b. Emergency access road not worked on due to a hunter in the area but the path was extended and improved on December 4th. Tree felled by beaver was cleared Nov. 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. January 8 set for work day on emergency access road and perhaps natural bridge expansion. Time 9 AM.
- b. Work day scheduled for December 19 to refine final 1100+ feet prior to New Year's Day hike.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 P.M.