

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2011 MEETING

**In Attendance :**

Alan Baker     John Burnham     Al Floyd     Albert Grant     Jim Halloran  
Lois Noble     Barbara Sherman     Dick Sherman     Deb Talamini     Tom Talamini

**Absent:**

John Drake     Joanne Drapeau     Ken Francis     Gil Hayes

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM

**MINUTES** of December 16, 2010 MEETING: Approved.

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** To be added to new business: logo, new legislation, eagle project and budget line.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – Members John Burnham and Gil Hayes have approached this entity and want to follow up regarding promised path. Whether volunteers could do the project was discussed.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – Needed historical facts or points of interest in East Windsor to be added to SRWA guide which is almost ready for printing.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Water testing continues but new drop off spot needed. Information received that South Windsor will start doing testing as well.
- d. Trail Markers – No new markers placed but will be this weekend. Plans to install remaining markers were discussed.
- e. Membership – New Member Jim Halloran introduced and note was made that former Member Joanne Drapeau is now an alternate.
- f. Activities – Hike for New Year's Day was a success and pictures were shown.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. January 8<sup>th</sup> work day turned to a planning session due to weather conditions. Workday on December 19 paved the way for the hike and another session 2 days prior made it all work. Work on emergency access road still on drawing board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. January 29 set for work day to bring logs for bridges to farmer's field. Meeting time 8:30AM at Burnham Barn. Another date set for February 19 meeting time 9 AM same place.
- b. SRWA is sponsoring a Super Bowl Sunday walk starting at Bailey Road, Enfield, February 6. AHRC members decided to participate, meeting at 8:30, leaving at 9 AM with carpooling.
- c. Another Scantic River stream walk is being planned. Information meeting will be in April and the walk a Sunday in June. Stream walk results show depth, width, composition of river bottom and condition of banks. This information is forwarded to DEP and other agencies.
- d. SRWA's Spring Splash scheduled March 26 will mark 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event. AHRC members asked to be present to help and show support.
- e. Discussion on a logo to be affixed to hat or clothing or made into a bumper sticker as a revenue source was discussed. Results of research will be brought back to next meeting.
- f. A new bill in CT legislature would indemnify municipalities against lawsuits for injury on its lands. Commission will send letter to Rep. Chris Davis for his support of measure.
- g. Commission was asked if there were another need to be used as an Eagle project and kiosks for information was suggested and will be passed along.
- h. Making a line item on the town's budget for any money collected or donated was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 P.M.