

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Albert Grant	Jim Halloran	
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	
Tom Talamini	Deb Talamini	Scott Tripp

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd
Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney	Ray Jones
Lois Noble	Dick Sullivan	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Special April 17, 2014: Motioned and Approved.
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Chair noted that the mother of Association Member, Kirsten Martin, had passed away. Dr. Martin had been with AHRC since its inception and our condolences go out to her.
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – No apparent obstructions visible from trail. Some washouts though. Water came up as high as the leg of the kiosk. Members would like to have a way of noting how high the water rises at various points.
 - b. Water testing continues. Volunteer Deb Nordell is not quite fully recovered from her injury but is back testing the water. She is using a second meter to verify the correct temperature of the Scantic River. At some point in the future, testing equipment will need to be planted in the riverbed so additional information can be recorded.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Bridges #1 and 2 are out of the brook. Bridges 3, 4, and 7 are okay. # 6 needs straightening and a little tweaking to #5. The mud bridge at Route 140 is in a tree! Someone has cut the chain and removed it after tossing the barrels in the river where they are now stuck in the mud.
 - d. Window decals – No new sales = 44 unsold.
 - e. April Work Party – After Members replaced the bridges, the high water dislodged them and more work is needed.
 - f. Patch Blog / Facebook – Publicity is out on all media / formats. Member Deb Talamini has worked on a joint flyer to be distributed to the E. W. school children; this flyer advertises the June 29, 2014 Cardboard Boat Race and the Duck Race.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. May 17th work party – Members hope to be able to work but weather may be a problem. Members hope to get some work done during this week, since Saturday's forecast is iffy. May 31st is another work date on the schedule and may need to tweak the trail on June 7 day prior to CT Trails Day Hike.
 - b. SRWA – Member Albie Grant noted that the Spring Splash had only 80 paddlers instead of the usual 120 which meant less food (profits) sold. This could have been due to the need to postpone the event from the original date.
 - c. Parks & Recreation collaboration – Thanks to Melissa Maltese, all of our info is getting out.
 - d. CT Trails Day Hike – Info is out and published in statewide publication.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 5/19/2014