

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
Minutes of October 16, 2014
Warehouse Point Library

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau Al Floyd Albert Grant Ray Jones
Dick Sherman Dick Sullivan Deb Talamini Tom Talamini

ABSENT:

Alan Baker Ken Francis Jim Halloran Sue Gaffney Lois Noble Barbara Sherman
Scott Tripp

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of September 18, 2014: Motioned and Approved, with 1 abstention.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini stated that there were 24 decals left unsold. The Treasurer's report remained the same as last meeting, no transactions to report..
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – River is still very low due to lack of rain.
 - b. Water testing – Volunteer Deb Nordell will be on a medical leave and will not be able to collect samples during November, December and January. Samples are taken once a month at designated locations. Tom Talamini and Dick Sherman will work out a schedule during that period to make sure water is tested.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Dick Sherman said he fixed the broken kiosk doors. No members had been on the walking trails.
 - d. September/October Work Parties – Two events took place: 1) 4 members cut land trail from Scantic Road to Wicketts Bridge. 2) In river work cleared upstream from Wicketts Bridge.
 - e. Patch Blog / Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini reported nothing new to submit.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. October work party – Oct 18 available members will meet to continue working in the River.
 - b. SRWA – A meeting is scheduled for next Monday. Their annual meeting will take place on November 13 at Enfield Senior Center at 6:00pm.
 - c. Fun Paddle – Due to the lack of water in the river no fun paddle can be scheduled at this point.
 - d. Sabonis Property - Transfer of 5 acres of land approved by Planning and Zoning/Wetland Conservation. BOS approved; *then* going to attorney before Town meeting for public approval. Donors would like the Park to be named: "Sabonis Landing"
 - e. Melrose Road - Request to PD: Dick Sherman spoke with the Chief of Police and Police signage. They suggested signs be posted at the park stating that the end of Melrose Road is closed at dusk. Once signs are posted local police can patrol the area more often and issue warnings.

- f. Dick Sherman reported that Barbara Sherman turned in our AHRC annual report.
- g. AHRC received an email and was shared with Commission members from an Old Ellington Road resident concerned about the use of that parcel of land alongside the River and the cornfield.
- h) Driveway to River off Scantic Road - needs 4x4 to travel. Once dry, Dick Sherman will take Robin and Denise (Town officials) to tour the property. Since it is an undeveloped road, a suggestion was made to gate it with a sign - Unimproved Road - emergency vehicles only.
- i) Ray Jones suggested that if a highway sign is placed at Melrose Road, then a similar sign should be placed at the Filter Bed area stating: Closed at dusk. Current posting states closed 11pm - 5 am

ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Talamini, October 22, 2014.