

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Lois Noble
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini	

ABSENT:

Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney	Albert Grant	Ray Jones
Jim Halloran	Dick Sullivan	Tom Talamini	Scott Tripp

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM
2. **MINUTES** of October 16, 2014: Motioned and Approved, with 3 abstentions.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Talamini said no new sales and now with the new accounting system in place any future deposits will receive a printout from the Town Treasurer.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** None
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – River is up some but still low due to lack of rain.
 - b. Water testing – Continues by Deb Nordell who is getting help to collect the data. Dr. Martin issued her annual report on the river and it will be forwarded to the membership. She has received part of another grant which would give us our own equipment to test for E.coli. Since it is only part of the grant, the testing supplies will not be covered and we will need to secure funds for them. It was reported that Harrington Brook has agricultural run-off and that would be a prime area to test for E.coli. Dr. Martin also hopes to start a STARS program involving Scouts to help monitor and take on a section of the Scantic to clean and maintain trails. Chair will discuss possible participation with local Scout leaders.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Member Alan Baker told of walking with Craig Waller of ACS to review the area of the planned additional trails, to check for anthropological sites of former Indian use. Much of the area was the wintering ground for the Scaticoke Indians. Alan said Craig was so knowledgeable that it made the hike interesting. The prospective trail information has been submitted to the State.
 - d. October / November Work Parties – Three events with Members resulted in opening the river to Wickett's Bridge which was the goal for the year. .
 - e. Patch Blog / Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini will be submitting info for our 5th annual hike.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. November / December work party – There is need for the 2 big bridges to be anchored. Member Alan Baker has heavy cable and needs to fit the work into his schedule. Also the benches need to be secured in place. Then close to New Year's Day the members will check the entire trail in preparation for the hike.
 - b. SRWA – Held its annual meeting but the 2 members who attended were not present to give a report.
 - c. Town Land Acquisition – Land behind the old Nike site has been offered to the Town. It consists of 20 acres, one of which is in East Windsor and the rest in South Windsor. The developer has offered it to East Windsor first for passive recreation. The area would be a good access to the Scantic and there is land that could be used for ball fields as well. The Town discussion of the transfer of the Sabonis property has been tabled until springtime.

- d. Melrose Road – A letter from Chief DeMarco was read; it stated that to help curb undesirable activity in the cul de sac at the end of Melrose Road, a “closed dusk to 5 AM” sign would be posted to take effect as of December 1, 2014. This would enable the police to take action against those in the area for inappropriate purposes.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 11/21/2014