

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - February 21, 2019
REGULAR MEETING
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dick Sherman	
Tom Talamini	Debbie Talamini
Joanne Drapeau	Albert Grant
Scott Tripp	Al Floyd
Rebecca Talamini	Debbie Nordell (guest)

ABSENT:

Barbara Sherman, Dick Sullivan, Julie Pratt and Mark Whelden

1. **Call to order** at 7:02pm and attendance
2. **Minutes** of January 17, 2019 meeting approved and seconded
3. **Treasurer's Report** - An invoice for \$100 had been submitted to the Treasurer for the porta potty at the New Year's Day hike.
4. **Added Agenda Items** - none
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – High water and lots of trees down!
 - b. Water testing – Regular testing ongoing . Invitation received for a 'gathering session' at St. Joseph University with Dr. Martin's group about water testing on Feb 22 at noon.
 - c. Filter Bed Area – snow has been plowed and area kept in good shape, thanks to our volunteer Ray.

Scantic River State Park Trail - All bridge repair work that had been done for new year's hike has been washed away from all the high water levels and storms! Bridge 5 is now up by bridge 6 (on other side of river!) and Bridge 11 is in the nearby pond. Lots of work will need to be done to do repairs and retrieve bridges before CT Trails Day in June.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – has been very active.
 - e. Membership – Vacancies available.

- f. Social Media / Publicity – Several publications of our new year's day hike in Journal Inquirer and North Central news.

6. **New Business**

- a. February / March Party(s) – will be needed, but will depend on weather conditions and water levels. Tom will contact members if conditions are right.
 - b. CT River Conservancy "Trash Talk" in South Windsor - Member Mark attended the session, but was not in attendance to report.
 - c. SRWA – Monthly February meeting February 25. Super Bowl Hike hosted by SRWA had a good turnout (about 60 people). Great hike along new trails this year.
 - d. Banner – Repair or replace? Discussion took place about options. Member Rebecca Talamini will get a quote from Merritt Graphics and will report at next meeting.
 - e. Correspondence –meeting notice sponsored by CT River Conservancy on March 20 was emailed to membership; subject “Fish, Fish and More Fish”.
 - f. CT Trails Day will be Sunday, June 2 at 10:00AM in Melrose at Scantic River State Park. Debbie will submit event notice to CT Forest & Parks Association for inclusion in their CT 2019 Trails Weekend booklet.
7. **Public input** - Volunteer Deb Nordell (who collects our water samples for testing) was asked by the Broad Brook Mill committee IF we test for 'toxic chemicals' downstream from the Broad Brook Mill site. We do NOT. Chairman, Dick Sherman, will ask Drs. Martin/Dube (at St. Joseph University) if it is possible to get this type of data from our ongoing water testing at no extra cost. Deb Nordell also informed the members that WPFd is having a Red Cross Blood Drive on March 6 from 1:30 - 6:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church.

8. **Adjournment:** 7:36pm

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
February 23, 2019