

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THURSDAY - April 18, 2019 REGULAR MEETING WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Debbie Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Tom Talamini	Scott Tripp	

#### **ABSENT:**

Albert Grant	Julie Pratt	Dick Sullivan
Sue Gaffney Sullivan	Mark Whelden	

**GUESTS:** Deb Williams, Russell Williams

1. **Call to order** at 6:35pm and attendance.
2. **Minutes** of March 21, 2019 meeting approved and seconded.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Nothing new to report.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – none.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – More high, muddy water and more to come with this weekend's rain; if there are trees down can't be seen because of the flooding.
  - b. Water testing – Regular testing ongoing . Another meeting of the Scantic River Watershed Monitoring Partnership, which consists of representatives from CT DEEP, CT River Conservancy, USGS, USJ/SRWA and the Sierra Club, was attended by 2 of our members. The group is gathering more info and spoke of the data being collected on the Broad Brook stream. One focus is determining resources necessary to expand the testing.
  - c. Filter Bed Area – continues to look good. Member Rebecca Talamini remarked there is a nice walking path near where we take out the cardboard boats. Scantic River State Park Trail was the site of bridge work 2 weeks ago. 5 Workers spent 6 hours each putting 3 bridges back in place. Lots of labor-intensive work, and more to be done. As the bridges get repaired going forward they will be made longer, wider and hopefully lighter. It was noted that the recent flooding has changed the entire dynamic of the park, with the sand on the trails, water pushing inland making streams where there were none, and the trees that have fallen and are now dangerous to hikers.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Members still busy.

- e. Banner – Member Rebecca finalized the drafts of the 2 banners. Members voted to have her order 1 17x2 foot banner for the New Year's Day hike and 2 7x2.5 foot ones for parades and use at other functions.
- g. Membership – Perhaps our guests will fill these spots.
- h. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini continues posting on conditions of the trails to keep users aware. She will start promoting our CT Trails Day hike, set for Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10–11 am, as well as the upcoming cardboard boat race. She will also update the kiosk with new materials.

## 6. **New Business**

- a. April / May Work Party – Members will meet at the OMBridge Sunday, April 28 at 9AM to work on the trails, hoping the area will dry out before then.
- b. SRWA – Their March 30 Spring Splash was a success and had the best weather and water levels ever for it. However, they still need to find a novice takeout point which was eliminated once Springborn Dam was removed.
- c. CT Trails Day – The State booklet with it listed will be out shortly. We will need to do trail work to be ready for the event.
- d. Cardboard Boat Race – Date of June 23 was selected and will be advertised starting this month in order to give folks enough time to build a boat. Again we will be assisting the BMX committee with their Duck Race held prior to ours.
- e. EW Scouting hike – Member Deb Talamini agreed to lead a hike/trail repair event for the Scouts on May 11. It was originally just Girl Scouts but the invitation to take part has been extended to all Scouts and others in the community.

- 7. **Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Our guests were given our new trail guide and will look into becoming members.

## 8. **Adjournment:** 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
April 19, 2019