

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THURSDAY - June 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Al Floyd	Sue Gaffney Sullivan	Julie Pratt
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Debbie Talamini	Rebecca Talamini	Tom Talamini
Mark Whelden	Debbie Williams	

#### **ABSENT:**

Joanne Drapeau	Albert Grant	Scott Tripp
Russell Williams		

1. **Call to order** at 7:00pm and attendance.
2. **Minutes** of May 16, 2019 meeting motioned, seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported there were invoices for wood and screws paid for by Chair Dick Sherman to be paid out of the Town budgeted account. MOTION made to approve his reimbursement, **SECONDED** and passed unanimously.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – River is almost normal after being so high and will need to be checked prior to the cardboard boat race to ensure safe ride. It is known there is overhanging that will catch the ducks.
  - b. Water testing – Regular testing is ongoing . Third week for E. coli sampling and results are varied with one week a RED for Somersville Mill Pond which Dr. Martin has not seen before. Luckily our filter bed site test showed BLUE for this week and our plans can go forward. Members Julie and Joanne posted the signs last week when Chair was away.
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Members conducted a work party June 1<sup>st</sup> to repair another bridge in prep for the hike. Others did trail maintenance, pruning and cutting back vines. Over 30 hours were put into that day's work.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Thefts occurred twice and have been reported to the Police Department for hopefully more oversight.
  - e. Membership – Debbie and Russell Williams have been approved to fill our open alternate slots. They will be sworn in soon. We now have a full roster again.

- f. CT Trails Day – Vice Chair Tom Talamini reported that we had 30 hikers bringing along 4 dogs for our hike. It was the best attendance for this event which has competition from hikes in every town in Connecticut. Two members of CT Forest & Parks Association joined us, taking lots of photos and remarking on the great condition of our trails. All went well and it was a good day.
- g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini continues posting on conditions of the trails to keep users aware. Pictures from the CT Trails Day hike, and notice of the upcoming cardboard boat race are the focus right now.

## **6. New Business**

- a. June / July Work Party – Members will gather at the filter beds at 8:30 am on Saturday to take care of the area for the cardboard boat race. Then next work party will meet when time and conditions allow.
- b. SRWA – No report at this time.
- c. Partnership on Broad Brook / Scantic River – A group with representatives from the Sierra Club, DEEP, faculty of University of St. Joseph, Scantic River Watershed, CT River Conservancy, Congressman from Enfield and AHRC has met three times to discuss the water testing on the watershed. They hope to have answers regarding the source of bacteria in the water. There is already testing being done on Broad Brook stream. The group is partnering to work together on securing funding and perhaps getting bonding. It is a large project and will need input from many sectors. Chair has attended two of the meetings and is getting information from several sources in Town.
- d. Cardboard Boat Race – Is a 'go' for Sunday, June 23. It will follow the duck race usually starting at 2 PM. Members will meet about noon for set up of finish line for ducks, safety boaters, etc. They were invited back to the Shermans' for a pot luck afterwards.

## **7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – None.**

**Adjournment:** 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
June 21, 2019