

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan	Sue Gaffney Sullivan
Debbie Talamini	Rebecca Talamini	Tom Talamini
Scott Tripp	Mark Whelden	

ABSENT:

Albert Grant	Julie Pratt	Debbie Williams
Russell Williams		

1. **Call to order** at 7:03pm and attendance.
2. **Minutes** of June 20, 2019 meeting motioned, seconded. After clarification that *there had been 4 meetings of the Partnership on the Broad Brook / Scantic River testings but one was for science folks only and that although the Somersville Mill Pond had tested RED it was not the week of the meeting*, the minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported the full revenue budget for 2018-2019 had been spent. Going forward our new budget was \$3,570 for the revenue line and our donations line remained at \$420.96.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – River was down and clear but now is brown again after the heavy rain. Lots of trees down in Melrose Bridge area.
 - b. Water testing – Regular testing is ongoing with gauge being recalibrated. Good results were reported this week on the E. coli sampling but with the caveat that the testing was done just prior to the heavy rains, which appears to be causation for the levels to increase.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Members appreciate work being done to keep Filter Bed area clipped and picked up. All hikers are encouraged to carry pruners to cut back the vines that are overgrowing the trails. Students working on testing will also be taking part in a work party with other members on Tuesday, July 23 to repair and expand Bridge #2. Anyone able to help, can join them at 9 AM at Old Melrose Bridge parking lot.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Dumping has resumed at the site and it is troublesome.

- e. Cardboard Boat Race – Our event had 6 boats and raised \$100 for the Five Corner Cupboard. Debbie and Russell Williams' son Russell V was the winner taking home a trophy. Although it was a fun day, the ultimate goal is to have more boats for a bigger event. The BMX park group sent a lovely thank you note stating they could not do what they do without the help and support each year of the AHRC members.
- f. Partnership on Broad Brook / Scantic River – will hold its next meeting on July 30 at 2 PM at University of St. Joseph. The Chair will attend and offered a ride to anyone else who wished to sit in on the discussions.
- g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini commented on the great write-up that appeared in the paper with pictures of our event and the duck race as well.

6. New Business

- a. July / August Work Party – In addition to the trail work on Tuesday, July 23, Members hope to get on the river to do a clearing of downed trees to be able to go from the filter beds at least to the Sabonis Landing but hopefully to Omelia Bridge. This is in addition to planning on more work on the RED tip trail, and repairs and upgrades to existing bridges when time and conditions allow.
- b. SRWA – Has a full moon paddle scheduled for Saturday, August 17th starting at 6 PM sign in at Somersville Mill Pond. Watch papers for more details.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – None.

Adjournment: 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman
July 19, 2019