

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THURSDAY - September 19, 2019**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Julie Pratt	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Dick Sullivan	Debbie Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Tom Talamini	Mark Whelden	Debbie Williams
Russell Williams		

**ABSENT:**

Sue Gaffney Sullivan   Scott Tripp

1. **Call to order** at 7:04pm and attendance.
2. **Minutes** of August 15, 2019 meeting motioned, seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported there were no changes in balances.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – River is low and at least 2 more trees have come down in the past 2 weeks.
  - b. Water testing – Regular testing is ongoing . This coming week will be the end of the E. coli sampling for this season.
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Ray and friend Nick are keeping the filter beds in good shape A hiker notified Deb Talamini via FB that there was a tree blocking the path after Bridge #1. Vice Chair Tom Talamini cut the middle out of it so the path was clear. Members received a suggestion that the bridges be marked with spray paint to identify their number, which might help for safety purposes since the bridge numbers keep disappearing (sadly). Chair spent 3 ½ hours reconditioning the brush mower and hopes to get to the trail to start to cut back the overgrowth.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – The recycling continues..
  - e. Scantic River Monitoring Partnership Meeting – Held on September 18 at USJ and it was reported that the bonding would not take place. However, several small grants will be applied for.

- f. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini stated that the website is being looked at and she continues posting on conditions of the trails to keep users aware.

**6. New Business**

- a. September Work Party – Members plan to have a paddle – scheduled right now for September 29 at noon from Sabonis Landing to Omelia Road. It will combine fun with trash pick up to correspond with Source to Sea clean up weekend. If the water level or the weather does not cooperate we will postpone to the following weekend.
- b. SRWA – Next meeting is slated for Monday, September 23, 2019. They had a great full moon paddle with lots of publicity.

- 7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Member Rebecca Talamini said she will again collect “Shoes for Soles” – it will be in conjunction with Earth Day.

**Adjournment:** 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
September 23, 2019