

**Minutes for the
Regular meeting of the Housatonic River Estuary Commission
Tuesday, May 31, 2011
6:30 pm at Milford Parson Building**

1) Call to order/Pledge Allegiance

A. Chairman Gesullo called the meeting to order at 7::00pm.

B. Attendance:

Bob Gesullo, Chairman Shelton
Lori Romick, Vice-Chairman Milford
Scott Corner, Commissioner-At-Large, Stratford
Bill Rohland, Commissioner Derby

2) Public portion / guest (15min limit)

No one from the public was present.

3) Motion to approve or make correction to the minutes form the Meeting

A motion to approve the March minutes as amended was made by Bill Rohland and seconded by Lori Romick.

4) Finance report (Jason Blake)

- Jason Blake was not in attendance but Bob Gesullo estimated that there was about \$4900.00 in the account.
- After July 1, 2011 Milford will be sending \$1000.00 to HREC.

5) Web page report Bill Rohland

No new information.

6) Commissioner's remarks, meeting and or out reach effort from each town.

Scott Corner:

This coming weekend is the first weekend for the pump out boat to be in service.

Bob Gesullo:

HREC received a copy of the letter sent from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Town of Stratford regarding the Housatonic River speed zone recommendations. The letter stated that the DEP will approve the applicants permit for two buoys. It is up to the Knapp's to buy the buoys and to fill out the pertinent paperwork for the permit to be issued. All of the interested parties received a copy of the letter indicating the results and what has to be done.

7) New Business: discussion on the result of the River clean up

Scott Corner:

- A lot of debris was picked up during the river clean up, close to 20 tons.
- Sixteen tons of debris was picked up in Stratford.
- The trips back and forth to move the debris and dispose of it took a lot of time. A bigger boat would have been useful.
- Local businesses donated food.
- There were more people volunteering this year but less debris was picked up. Having one less drop off point this year hurt the cleanup effort.

8) Old business

It was noted that the HREC meeting are attended by the same people all of the time. The question was brought up, “Do we need to hold physical meetings as often as we do?” During the discussion the membership in attendance discussed having alternates for when a member could not attend. They discussed meeting quarterly next year. Also, the possibility of cancelling some of this year’s meetings was discussed. There was also discussion about holding online meetings with proper notice and filing of minutes and motions.

9) Discussion on HREC next meeting place

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26 at the Shelton Community Center.

10) Adjournment

Bill Rohland made a motion to adjourn. Scott Corner seconded the motion.