

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – February 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Osborn House
115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

PRESENT:

Rebecca Davis	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini
Scott Tripp	Deb Williams
Russell Williams	

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Albie Grant
Amy Larew	Ian Neill
Bud Schultz	Scott Tripp
Mark Whelden	

GUEST:

Leroy Paige	Tom Talamini
Sharon Tripp	

1. **Call to order.** 6:00 PM. Chair corrected last month's information. Leroy Paige will not get Associate status but is welcomed at all meetings and of course work party events.
2. **Minutes** of January 18, 2024 regular meeting. Motioned to Accept, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini said no changes. Secretary noted she had just attended the Special Workshop and attempted to justify the budget request made with a 2% increase in the amount asked for.
4. **Added Agenda Items – 6. c. Future Events**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a) River review – High waters came down and then rose with 8+ inches of snow but all remained in its banks. There were no additional trees were seen to have fallen.
 - b) Water testing – Regular monthly sampling continues even in this cold weather, thanks to Deb Austin. To ease the travel, the summer E. coli testing might be done 'in house' again.
 - c) Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Trolley Crossing Park had been checked by several members/others and no issues were spotted. On the state park trails, Members reported 2 small trees (one on upper ridge section and one along the river) were down but crossable. Ten volunteers put Bridge #4's mudwalk back in place once again. Members discussed what needs to be done at several of the bridges to rehab them and supplies will be purchased. That review is continuing.

- d) Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted some pictures of the Super Bowl hike which had about 25-30 participants.

6. New Business

- a. February Work Party – As weather and time permit, repairs will take place when reports are received as to issues.
- b. SRWA – Decent weather conditions for their hike. A non-resident spoke with Member Deb Talamini and said he would be happy to join one of our work party events as he enjoys our trails and would be willing to help maintain them. Its monthly meeting will be held via TEAMS on Monday February 26, 2024.
- c. **Future Events:** No decision has been made as to which day of CT Trails Day weekend (June 1 & 2nd) for our hike. BMX Committee members will probably continue with their duck race event on the National Night Out as they do not then need to worry about E. coli issues at the River. However, our members voiced their feelings as to our cardboard boat race. We will continue to hone those plans as to keeping it as it has been or converting the day to a fun paddle or other event sticking if possible with the Scantic River, our traditional venue.

7. **Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Inquiries were made regarding the American Eel notice posted in South Windsor but nothing definitive has been forthcoming as to our acquiring similar posters for our residents edification.

Adjournment: 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, February 16, 2024