

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – April 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Osborn House
115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

PRESENT:

Rebecca Davis Albie Grant
Barbara Sherman Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau Amy Larew
Ian Neill Bud Schultz
Scott Tripp Mark Whelden
Deb Williams Russell Williams

GUEST:

Leroy Paige Tom Talamini

1. **Vice Chair Rebecca Davis Called Meeting to order** at 6:02 PM.
2. **Minutes** of March 21, 2024 regular meeting. Motioned to Accept, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported that our 2 Grant budgets were zeroed out. Our Town budget line as of beginning of the month had \$375. 78 and our Donations / Savings line showed \$820.32.
4. **Added Agenda Items – 6. c. ARPA Money . 6d. CT Trails Day**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a) River review – River water level changes with each rainfall as does the level of the Connecticut River.
 - b) Water testing – Regular monthly sampling continues, thanks to Deb Austin. Dr. Martin is seeking funds to help pay for new equipment. Discussion ensued.
 - c) Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Tom Talamini and Member Deb Talamini reported that Bridge #4's mudwalk did not move after the last 4 rainfalls. The poles placed alongside seem to have secured it and hopefully can become a permanent solution to that issue. Thanks to volunteer Leroy Paige for doing the pounding. The area in front of Bridge #5 is still flooded. There is washout and sand along the trails. Trolley Crossing seems to be unscathed by these recent storms.
 - d) Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini said she will update the kiosk.
6. **New Business**
 - a. April / May Work Party – As weather and time permit, repairs will take place

when reports are received as to issues. Mowing will probably be needed at the end of May

- b. SWRA – Its next meeting is Monday April 29, on TEAMS. The Spring Splash had about 60 boats with less than 10 in the novice category. One hundred twenty hot dogs were sold. Its members have pledged \$2,000 for Dr. Martin’s new equipment. Members have been working on clearing trees and reporting to DEEP.
- c. **ARPA Funding** – Materials will be ordered with this funding so that as we go forward in repairing the bridges and mudwalks we will have the necessities available. We are grateful for the Town’s allocation to us.
- d. **CT Trails Day Hike** – Date is set for Sunday, June 2nd with a start time of 10AM. Our event is listed in the Ct. Park and Trails brochure.

Public Input/ communication, etc – We received confirmation that the book, ‘Writing the Land’ is now available on Amazon. Also SWRA is purchasing 20 copies to be given to the area towns and local libraries. It is a worthwhile publication with a cost of just \$20.

Adjournment: 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, April 19, 2024