

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – March 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Osborn House
115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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

GUEST:

Leroy Paige	Tom Talamini
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1. Call to order. 6:02 PM.

2. **Minutes** of February 15, 2024 regular meeting. Motioned to Accept, Seconded – it was noted that Member Scott Tripp was listed in the absent column when in fact he was listed as both present and absent – apologies from the Secretary; then the minutes were Approved. Scott was in attendance and had brought his lovely wife.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini said no changes. Secretary noted we were on the April 2nd Budget Workshop list.

4. Added Agenda Items – 6. c. Bridge #4 6. D. Phone Call re Trolley Crossing

5. On-Going Business / Old Business

- a) River review – River water has come down and is closer to normal but the predicted rainfall on Saturday will change that again.
- b) Water testing – Regular monthly sampling continues, thanks to Deb Austin. The summer E. coli testing will include nutrient testing as well.
- c) Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Member Deb Talamini removed the Christmas trim from the decorative trees at the Trolley Crossing Park sign. On the 70 degree day, there were 6 different groups when that park was checked on. On last Sunday, at Scantic River State Park, Members Deb Talamini, Scott Tripp and Rebecca Davis together with Tom Talamini and Leroy Paige put Bridge #4's mudwalk back using 4 metal posts to attempt to keep it in place. They also cut 3 fallen trees and removed them from the trails. Bridge #5 which had shifted was pushed back into place as well.
- d) Social Media / Publicity – Member Rebecca Davis said she would make a QR code for the trails so that it would help with those walking the trail and save on printing our

guides. It will be posted in the kiosk.

6. New Business

- a.** March / April Work Party – As weather and time permit, repairs will take place when reports are received as to issues.
- b.** SRWA – Its next meeting is Monday March 25, on TEAMS. The Spring Splash will take place on Saturday, March 30. There will be a novice course as a takeout spot has been established. We were corrected as to there being 35 signed in participants at the Super Bowl Hike together with 6 members and the guest speaker.
- c.** **Bridge #4** – After the work party put in the repairs to the mudwalk, it was noticed with the lack of foliage that there might be an alternative spot for the crossing of that wet area. More research and scoping out will be done before the leaves pop.
- d.** **Phone call re Trolley Crossing** – A call was made to Park & Rec Department with a message left informing them that a wild life was spotted in the park. The suggestion was made that we check our cameras to ascertain what the brown animal might be. The person said she backed away.

Public Input/ communication, etc – By coincidence, after never knowing about the American eel – an article appeared in the Journal Inquirer telling of its development as it moves up into the rivers.

Adjournment: 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman, March 22, 2024