

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY - July 16, 2020 - 6 PM
OSBORN HOUSE, 115 SCANTIC ROAD, EAST WINDSOR

PRESENT:

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| Albert Grant | Barbara Sherman | Dick Sherman |
| Dick Sullivan | Susan Sullivan | Deb Talamini |
| Rebecca Talamini | Mark Whelden | Deb Williams |
| Russell Williams | | |

ABSENT:

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| Joanne Drapeau | Al Floyd | Julie Pratt |
| Scott Tripp | | |

GUEST:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order** – 6:02PM.
2. **Minutes** of June 18, 2020 meeting. Secretary apologized for incorrectly listing **Rich Austin's name**. MOTION made to accept, SECONDED, approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini confirmed the balance for the last fiscal year of our Town line- item account was at zero and our new budget for 2020-2021 was \$3,500.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – 6d. **Source to Sea**; 6e. **Shoes for Souls**; 6f. **Openings on Commission**.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – Water level has come up a little after being very low. There is a new tree down between the start of the trail and Bridge #1. Also reports of a low hanging tree between Sabonis Landing and Cemetery Road.
 - b. Water testing – Monthly samples ongoing. Dr. Martin is now testing 14 sites (2 less than last year with Powder Hollow being the only site in Enfield this year). Last week results were mostly red and this week all blue except Old Melrose Bridge).
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Member Deb Talamini verified that the filter bed area is being kept up. Lots of use at the State Park based on the number of guides being taken.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Good activity, and prospective property owner doesn't seem to have an issue with its situation at this time.
 - e. Braille Signs – The proofs had several errors and are being redone. The check was cut by Treasurer's Office and will be presented when product is completed.

- f. Social Media / Publicity – Deb Talamini continues to share the river level and E. coli results on our Face Book page.

6. New Business

- a. July/ August Work Party – Plans were made for work on Saturday, July 25, to do a preliminary run on the Scantic in prep for possible canoe race later in the year. Members will meet at filter beds hoping to get to Cemetery Road egress. An email will be sent out confirming our start time of 9 AM and ascertaining who will take part and what canoes/equipment will be needed.
- b. SRWA – Zoom meeting mentioned the group's frustration with the destructive activity at Powder Hollow Park and trash left behind. It was stated August is too soon to plan on holding a full moon paddle. Since there is no meeting that month, if something is in the works for September, it will be on their Face Book page.
- c. Cardboard Boat Race / Duck Race – Still thinking about this and will touch base with BMX people in August to get their thoughts.

6d. Source to Sea – It will not be one day/weekend but the entire month of September will be so designated. The Commission will see if we can do something to mark the clean up spirit and/ or acknowledge the resource.

6e. Soles for Souls – Member Rebecca Talamini has postponed the collection due to the issues of Covid 19. But she mentioned that DSW will take in used shoes and even reward those donating with “points”.

6f. Openings on the Commission / Resignation - Sadly, the Members were notified by Member Al Floyd that health issues have convinced him to resign from the Commission. We all acknowledge his assistance, facilitating our meetings at the Library and his input. Al is thanked and wished better health in the coming years. Members were asked to think about who would work well with the group to fill the 2 vacant spots.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – None.

Adjournment: 6:45 pm.