

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY - October 15, 2020 - 6 PM
PATIO @ OSBORN HOUSE, SCANTIC ROAD, EAST WINDSOR

PRESENT:

Albert Grant	Julie Pratt	Bud Schultz
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan
Susan Sullivan	Deb Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Scott Tripp	Mark Whelden	Deb Williams

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Russell Williams
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GUEST:

Tyler Netz	Tom Talamini	Kevin Yanosy
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1. **Call to order** – 6:02PM .
2. **Minutes** of September 17, 2020 meeting. MOTION made, SECONDED, approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported nothing new.
4. **Added Agenda Items – 6.c, Haunted Highway.**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – Water level is higher after the rain and it was wished we were doing the paddle now..
 - b. Water testing – Monthly samples ongoing; Dr. Martin is doing them from home. Bottles delivered to her and others to Dr. Dube.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Trails at park have 2 large trees down near the teepee. Even being used daily, the trails are a bit overgrown with vines. A complaint was received about someone leaving fecal matter on a picnic table at the filter bed area. Chair went down and cleaned it up.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Still very active with both member Joanne Drapeau helping and our Guest, Kevin pitching in.
 - e. Source to Sea – Member Deb Talamini delivered 11 tires which had been pulled from the river for recycling. In addition approximately 4 trash bags were recovered and are no longer polluting. Of note, an antique medicine bottle was taken from the river and was deemed the most unusual item found.
 - f. October Fun Paddle – On a glorious October day there were 11 boats and 14 people enjoying the fall foliage and nature (some chain saw work was required).
 - g. Braille Trail Update – Member Mark Whelden and the Chair planted several posts

for the fence upon which the signs will be hung. Soon the top rail will be installed.

- h. Membership – Commission members welcomed Bud as an official member. At the Board of Selectmen's meeting tonight 6 members will be reappointed. Sadly, Members Dick and Susan Sullivan will be resigning from the Commission because of not being available for the winter months, thus allowing someone else to fill their spots and be able to vote. However, both will gladly help when they are in the area.
- i. Social Media / Publicity – Source to Sea info was posted. Also an article was put into the North Central paper and another submitted for the town newsletter.

6. New Business

- a. October Work Party – Plans were made for work on Saturday October 24 to clear up the trails and push back some of the encroaching growth. The members will access the need for ramps. Please meet at 9AM at the Old Melrose Bridge. Caution is advised as to clothing since it is bow season. A reminder will be sent out next Thursday to confirm after seeing the weather forecast.
- b. SRWA – Meeting report by Member Albert Grant, who said the Association was making plans for its annual meeting to be sometime in December. It was hoped the meeting could be in person, most likely at the Church in Enfield where it been held several times previously.
- c. **Haunted Highway:** East Windsor Park & Rec is holding a Halloween event where the participants will travel along the 'highway' at Reservoir Park and be given treats by members of the various Commissions and Boards and other town organizations. Member Deb Talamini is planning on decorating our table and asked if anyone would join her. It is scheduled for Thursday October 29 from 5-7PM, as an alternative for the town's children rather than the usual trick or treating. Park & Rec will be providing the treats.

- 7. **Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Member Barbara thanked the members for making up foursomes for the Lions golf tournament. She also mentioned that Laurie Giannotti has pulled her retirement papers and is back with DEEP.

It was decided that next meeting will be a zoom type and info will be presented with the agenda.

Adjournment: 6:40 pm.