

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2021 - 6 PM

PATIO @ OSBORN HOUSE
115 SCANTIC ROAD, EAST WINDSOR, CT

PRESENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Ian Neill	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Mark Whelden	Deb Williams	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Albert Grant	Amy Larew	Julie Pratt
Bud Schultz	Scott Tripp	

GUESTS:

Tom Talamini	Kevin Yanosy
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1. **Call to order** – 6:03 PM.
2. **Minutes** of May 20, 2021 meeting, Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported a \$100 donation by a hiker and it has been turned over to Treasurer's Office. A thank you sent acknowledging it.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – Levels a bit low even after rain and water was muddy. We have been advised that we can access the river from land below Osborn Mill Bridge.
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly sampling by Deb Austin is ongoing. Dr. Martin reported that the 3 weeks of testing have shown all BLUE ratings for East Windsor's sites. Some sites above us were red and yellow at the latest sampling and we hope that doesn't impact next week's races for us.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Filter bed area being checked by members. Wood has been purchased for Bridge #8 as well as Bridge #12 repairs.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Still lots of activity.
 - e. Braille Signs – No word yet on their status.
 - f. Hike Results – There were 15 persons in the picture taken prior to start of hike but others came after. And there was a couple walking prior to our start. Everyone thanked us for our efforts on maintaining the trails.
 - g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini is posting the Cardboard Boat Race info and we have received inquiries as to boat specifications. Maybe we will be able

to put up signs next to the Duck Race signs about town.

6. New Business

- a. June **RIVER** Work Party – Plans to meet at TROLLEY CROSSING (filter beds) next Saturday June 26 at 9AM to go into the river and make sure it is clear for the race, with intentions of ending at Sabonis Landing.
- b. SRWA – No report was given at this time.
- c. Park Names – Letter was sent to Board of Selectmen; it was noted on their June 3rd agenda that the correspondence was received.
- d. Card Board Boat Race / Duck Race – Set for Sunday June 27th . The ducks will be launched at 1PM and our race will start at 2 PM. Prizes will be purchased.

- 7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Guest Tom Talamini said he was able to repair the DR and it is ready for use. He suggested that we run the trails particularly the upper trail once or twice a month to maintain the width. Chair reported we were emailed by a couple who wish to help with maintenance. They will be contacted as to their availability to help with the trail maintenance.

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman
June 18, 2021