

# AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY - JULY 15, 2021 - 6 PM

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

### PRESENT:

Albert Grant	Ian Neill	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Mark Whelden		

### ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Amy Larew	Julie Pratt
Bud Schultz	Scott Tripp	Deb Williams
Russell Williams		

### GUESTS:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order** – 6:05 PM.
2. **Minutes** of June 17, 2021 meeting, Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini gave starting point of town budget as \$3500 and as of tonight our Donation fund balance was \$1826.
4. **Added Agenda Items – 6. D) Email from Laurie Giannotti.**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – Water is oh so muddy and high. Measuring stick at Melrose Bridge was 7 feet and as of today 8 feet.
  - b. Water testing – Regular monthly sampling by Deb Austin is ongoing. Dr. Martin reported that all BLUE except at Mill Street for this week. Prior to that we were blue. elratings for East Windsor's sites. Some sites above us were red and yellow.
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Filter bed area being checked by members. Lions hope to try to maintain it. Bridge #1 had been under water after last rains and some of Bridge #12 remains under. No further reports.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Still lots of activity.
  - e. Braille Signs – Braille signs are ready to be reinstalled.
  - f. Card Board Boat Race / Duck Race – Events were very well attended. We had 6 boats and over 300 ducks were launched. BMX group donated \$100 to us for assisting in the launch and recovery of the ducks. Member Ian's son had bragging rights on his adventure captaining his craft.

- g. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini is posting the Cardboard Boat Race pictures. There was a Journal Inquirer article and a film of the race was presented on WFSB's Bright Spot segment the following day and again over the weekend.

**6. New Business**

- a. July Work Party – Any plans will have to be spontaneous depending on weather which has not been our friend for maintenance or clearing.
  - b. SRWA – Scheduled a full moon paddle for Saturday August 21. It was mentioned there is a large tree blocking the area of the paddle which would need to be cleared before event. Member Albie Grant noted that the plan to build condos on the 'ledge' has been abandoned and that the land might revert to the Land Trust.
  - c. Park Names – We await any decision of Board of Selectmen.
  - d. **Email from Laurie Giannotti** – Asking for our support in encouraging the release by July Bond Commission of \$3 million for maintenance of trails.
- 7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Guest Tom Talamini still hoping to run the trails particularly the upper trail once or twice a month it maintain the width. It would be an early evening task. Just need weather to cooperate.  
A thank you was received from 5 Corner Cupboard for the donation of \$60 from the cardboard boat entry fees. It was much appreciated.

**Adjournment: 6:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
July 17, 2021