

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY - November 18, 2021 - 6 PM

**OSBORN HOUSE
115 SCANTIC ROAD, EAST WINDSOR, CT**

PRESENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Dick Sherman	Debbie Talamini
Scott Tripp	Mark Whelden	Rebecca Talamini
Deb Williams	Russell Williams	

ABSENT:

Albert Grant	Ian Neill	Amy Larew	Julie Pratt
Barbara Sherman	Bud Schultz		

GUEST: Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:01 pm
2. **Minutes** of October 16, 2021 meeting. Motioned, Seconded and Approved
3. **Treasurer's Report** - no transactions
4. **Added Agenda Items** – none
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – About normal level.
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly ongoing. Dr. Martin's E. coli testing sealer (cost \$6500)
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing Park (aka: filter bed area) – Member Joanne Drapeau is doing a sweep of filter bed area every other week. 50 volunteer hours have been spent putting three bridges back in place, including Bridge 5.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Continues.
 - e. New Maintenance Grant – Signed and submitted. Contact from Cong. Larson's office regarding letter of support.
 - f. Park & Rec Conversation (at Town hall) – an overview of a master plan for several Town parks including Volunteer Park. Stay tuned for next meeting date after first of the year with more feedback for public input.

- g. Media / Publicity – Postings of trail conditions

6. New Business

- a. November / December Work Party – A work day is planned for 9am on Nov 28 to work on several mudwalk and bridge repairs in preparation for our 12th annual New Year's Day hike.
- b. SRWA – Report by Dr. Martin – did not get grant funding and she repeated need in near future to replace water testing equipment.
- c. Participation in Arts & Culture Project – Input from Member Deb Williams about a selfie station at our First Day Hike.
- d. Discussion about news release of South Windsor looking to buy land along Scantic River in East Windsor and the misleading article published in the Journal Inquirer. Dick Sherman (Chair) put a call into the South Windsor Town Manager to clarifying some mis-information.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence

Volunteer member, Tom Talamini suggested we get millings so we can fill in the gaps at both ends of Melrose Bridge, to help motorized wheelchairs cross. If able to obtain materials from DPW, we will have a work morning on Nov 20 at 9am.

Also, it was suggested to install some chicken wire on some of the bridge ramps as they become slippery when wet (or icy).

Adjournment: 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
Pro-tem secretary