

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY - October 21, 2021 - 6 PM**

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

PRESENT:

Albert Grant	Ian Neill	Barbara Sherman (late)
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini	Bud Schultz
Scott Tripp	Mark Whelden	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Amy Larew	Julie Pratt
Rebecca Talamini	Deb Williams	

GUESTS:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:03pm
2. **Minutes** of September 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 – Just about normal level with trees down in several areas
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly ongoing. Plus new study of soil at river bank at 4 sites in E Windsor being conducted by Dr. Derek Dube, four times a year. Rebecca Syme collected the samples with Barbara in October (Mill St, Rt140, East Rd & Ketchbrook).
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Member Joanne Drapeau is keeping an eye on conditions at Trolley Park (aka: filter bed area); 5 person work party to put bridges back in place within SRSP. Bridge 5 had floated across the river! It was retrieved and moved back to east side of River. Another work day will be set to move it back to its correct location.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Continues.
 - e. New Maintenance Grant – Secretary Barbara Sherman is attending Board of Selectmen's meeting tonight to present the purpose behind the grant application for Deadline November 1, 2021

- f. Media / Publicity – Postings of trail conditions. Chairman Dick Sherman shared a story about crossing paths with a woman in a wheelchair, who frequently uses the SRSP trails in her chair! Brings a new meaning to “multi-use trail”.

6. New Business

- a. October Work Party – Discussion took place for bridges and mudwalk repairs and reconstruction that is needed in preparation for our annual New Year’s Day hike (1-1-22). New work day set for Sunday, October 31, meeting at 9:00am at Melrose Bridge.
- b. SRWA – Report by Dr. Martin – did not get grant funding and she repeated need in near future to replace E. coli testing sealer (cost \$6500)
- c. Park & Rec Meeting – November 10 from 6:30 to 8 PM discussion on Master Plan and the community desire for more trails and a possible rail trail within Town.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – None

Adjournment: 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Talamini
Pro-tem secretary