

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 17, 2022 - 6 PM

#### VIA ZOOM

#### **PRESENT:**

Albert Grant  
Deb Talamini  
Mark Whelden

Barbara Sherman  
Rebecca Talamini  
Deb Williams

Dick Sherman  
Scott Tripp  
Russell Williams

#### **ABSENT:**

Joanne Drapeau  
Julie Pratt

Amy Larew  
Bud Schultz

Ian Neill

#### **GUEST:**

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order** – 6:07 PM.
2. **Minutes** of January 20, 2022 meeting, Motioned, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini noted our current balance in the budget account as \$2390 but we will need to pay out for secretarial costs and then will barely have enough for the testing supplies. We will address the shortfall in June and make decisions then as to how we proceed.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – Water is up and then down and has been icy and muddy. .
  - b. Water testing – Regular monthly sampling by Deb Austin is ongoing. Dr. Martin has taken on the special sampling for Dr. Dube. She is still in need of a new sealer and her efforts to get funding have met with little success. Without the sealer, our water testing project is over!!!
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Trails have been very icy and muddy but still lots of good use because our hikers know enough to bring grippers. Member Joanne Drapeau keeps Trolley Crossing picked up. Daily hiker Dave Smith says the trails are passable.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Slower activity.
  - e. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posts as she hikes the trail.

## **6. New Business**

- a. March Work Party – Priority project will be to cable Bridge #5 and that should be a quick work day. Next will be to replace Bridge #8 and that may be a 2 day effort because once we get started we need to finish it for safety reasons. Both projects will depend on weather and conditions going forward.
- b. SRWA – The Spring Splash is a go!! It will be held Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Watershed held their Super Bowl hike and had about 16 hikers join in. Because of the icy conditions the route of the hike had to be altered by our members reported that it was still good and about 2 miles with newly fallen snow making it very picturesque.

## **7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – DEEP's Laurie Giannotti in an email said the RTP grant list was published and sadly we were not awarded anything.

## **Adjournment: 6:26 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman  
February 18, 2022