

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – January 19, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Osborn House
115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

PRESENT:

Rebecca Davis	Joanne Drapeau
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini	Scott Tripp
Deb Williams	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Albert Grant	Amy Larew
Ian Neill	Bud Schultz
Mark Whelden	

GUEST:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:01PM
2. **Minutes** of December 15, 2022 regular meeting. They were accepted, seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini confirmed the \$2000 award from the East Windsor arm of Hartford Foundation for Public Giving was deposited into the Town 'grant' fund for purposes set out in the Sensory Project Application.
4. **Added Agenda Items – 6. c. Grant Applications.**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – River is clear (as of yesterday) and up and running and running and running.
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly testing continues. Dr. Kirsten Marten published the 2022 edition of State of the Scantic; an electronic copy of which was sent to all members and the First Selectman. A hard copy was passed around for quick review.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Trolley Crossing is still being monitored by Member Joanne Drapeau who reported that the DPW filled in many of the potholes. There have been no reports of downed trees along the trails.
 - d. Report on the Hike – Member Deb Talamini reported a count of about 180 hikers. We were given a slip from 5 Corner Cupboard showing 443 pounds of food were donated. The cash donations were used to purchase mostly pet items which are needed and so expensive. Our thanks again to Member Scott Tripp and Sharon Tripp, well done!
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Poster at recycle center showed many new items being collected to eliminate them from the landfills. See attached list.
 - e. Arts & Culture Collaboration – Member Deb Williams sadly reported that the carving which was commissioned could not be secured due to the artist's insistence on a cash payment. But other sources are being sought, with other ideas discussed.

- f. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini sent pictures to the Journal Inquirer's Out and About.

6. New Business

- a. February / March Work Party – Work party will be scheduled as needed. On New Year's Day, 2 participants gave their emails offering to assist in any future projects.
- b. SRWA – Annual meeting will be January 23, 2023 – at Wood Library in South Windsor starting at 7 PM with desserts offered. Speaker will be Virginia daLima who worked for U.S. Geological Survey for over 30 years.
- 6. c. Grant applications** – Member Deb Williams asked about the Hartford Foundation grant and its origin. Discussion followed with decision that future grant applications will be fully discussed prior to application.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence –

Email from First Selectman Jason Bowsza suggested that for better transparency any documents, etc pertaining to the agenda be attached to help with the meeting. As far as possible that will be done, although we usually don't have much that could be attached.

Adjournment: 6:40 PM

Attachment: Recycling poster



