

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY – February 16, 2023 – 6:00 PM**  
Osborn House  
115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

**PRESENT:**

Rebecca Davis	Joanne Drapeau
Albert Grant	Ian Neill
Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini	Scott Tripp
Mark Whelden	

**ABSENT:**

Amy Larew	Bud Schultz
Deb Williams	Russell Williams

**GUEST:**

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:00 PM

2. **Minutes** of January 19, 2023 regular meeting. They were accepted, seconded and approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini said nothing in or out this month.

4. **Added Agenda Items – 6.f. Map 6.g. CT Trails Day**

5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**

a River review – River is clear and high.

b. Water testing – Regular monthly testing continues. (State of the Scantic report attached to the agenda for the Board of Selectmen's meeting).

c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Trolley Crossing is in good shape per Member Joanne Drapeau who reported finding a pair of shoes. Volunteer Dave Smith attempted to put mudwalk at Bridge #4 back in place.

d. HFPG/East Windsor Community Funds – The Committee decided to allow changes to the proposed projects due to added costs and we can go forward with 3 signs and a bench from the grant money and the carving will be paid for with other funds.

e. Arts & Culture Collaboration – No report tonight.

f. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted some photos from the SRWA Super Bowl hike.

6. **New Business**

a. February / March Work Party – Work party will be scheduled for Saturday February 25 . starting at 10 AM to reset mudwalk at Bridge #4.

b. SRWA – Nextl meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2023. Member Albie Grant said that the Super Bowl Sunday hike had 45 participate with a starting point at Quality Avenue which was a nice change. .

6. c. Report on meeting with members of DEEP – Member Deb Talamini met with Marcella Hube and Kimberly to survey mudwalk at Bridge #4. IT was determined there was not other rerouting possible and they thought that perhaps they could make it a ‘project’ through their office but it would have to follow the usual procedure which would take time. They said we could work on it as a temporary fix until that time. Albie Grant, Scott Tripp, Dick Sherman and undersigned were also there. .

6. d. DEEP Grant – Member Deb Talamini received an email from Melissa Maltese of Park and Rec telling of Grant money available but with a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Further inquiry led to official information as to the grant’s procedures, etc. The amount of paperwork versus the time before the deadline makes it impossible for anything to be done for this round of grants.

6. e. Cardboard Boat Race / BMX Duck Race – Member Deb Talamini was contacted by BMX group asking us to pick a different date other than last weekend of June as the Scouts are away camping at that time. By picking another date, we expect to have some Scouts build a boat or two for the race. July 9<sup>th</sup> was the date decided upon as the water would be warmer at that point.

**6. f. Map** - Vice Chair Rebecca Davis presented her version of the Canoeist guide. It was just a draft version and she solicited comments and all were delighted with the product.

**6.g. CT Trails Day Hike** - Member Det Talamini noted that as of March 1 info could be posted and the date was set as Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a start time of 10 AM.

**7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Chair reported that the New Year’s Day Hike banner was repaired at a cost of \$165 and it should hold up better now.

**Adjournment: 7:06 PM**