

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – April 20, 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	Deb Williams
Russell Williams	

ABSENT:

Amy Larew	Bud Schultz
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GUEST:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:04PM
2. **Minutes** of March 16, 2023 regular meeting. Motioned to Accept was Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Nothing new to report.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a) River review – Water has cleared up but still running high.
 - b) Water testing – Regular monthly testing continues. Money for reagents will be paid tonight and hand delivered tomorrow. Conte Conversations documentary will be premiered April 21st at 6:00PM. at Hoffman Auditorium, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT.
 - c) Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Member Joanne Drapeau reported on checking Trolley Crossing yesterday and finding a different trailer than the one that was there last year. This was also reported to Park & Rec because of the unseemly behavior of the occupant and her dog. Joanne will do a clean up near the entrance next Saturday for Earth Day. Bridge #4 mudwalk repair was accomplished in 2 ½ hours by 10 volunteers. Member Deb Talamini also noted that the bench near Bridge #3 has new boards now and looks great. Flowers were planted in the 3 pots on the trails.
 - d) Arts & Culture Collaboration – Member Deb Williams was told by the carver that it will be ready by the end of May.

- e) EW Community Grant – Member Deb Talamini mentioned Open House May 8 at the Annex to display projects that were funded with grant money from East Windsor Community Funds (HFPG).
- f) Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted the results of the Bridge #4 repair and will start to report on CT Trails Day in May.

6. New Business

- a. April Work Party – Work party scheduled for Sunday April 30 to start at 9 AM to do prep work for the carving placement. Probable work day to mow will be May 21st – details to follow but put it on your calendars.
- b. SRWA – Next meeting will be Tuesday April 25, 2023 – They are having issues getting dog poop stations emptied by the Town. It was suggested that perhaps a local landscape company might swing past them and clear them out as a free service to the Town. SWRA also talked about a possible meeting where the Scantic River enters the Connecticut River in South Windsor. Due to Sunday's predicted bad weather, Member Albie Grant said he moved the date of his guided hike to Culver Pond to this Saturday April 22 starting at 10AM.
- c. New Grant – Follow up call to verify info on the application has been scheduled for mid May. If it is funded, it would cover additional benches to be placed along the trail.
- d. Cardboard Boat Race / BMX Duck Race – Deb Talamini confirmed the July 9th date and the fact that the food truck will be there. Now we hope for no rain and clean water and BOATS!!!

- 7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – Letter from Veterans Commission inviting all to take part in the Memorial Day Parade. And of note, Saturday April 29 starting at 1PM is the horse-drawn plowing demonstrations at the Community Gardens.

Adjournment: 6:36pm