

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY - December 19, 2019 OSBORN HOUSE, EAST WINDSOR

IN ATTENDANCE:

Albert Grant	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Dick Sullivan	Sue Gaffney Sullivan	Debbie Talamini
Rebecca Talamini	Tom Talamini	Scott Tripp
Mark Whelden	Debbie Williams	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Julie Pratt
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1. **Call to order** at 6:03pm by Chair; attendance was taken.
2. **Minutes** of November 21, 2019 meeting motioned, seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Several donations had been received \$100 from Warehouse Point Library in memory of Gary Mazzone; \$100 From Lions Club in memory of Barbara's Dad, \$500 from Dick's family. It was reported that it is time for us to submit our budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and there will be no additional funding requested.
4. **Added Agenda Items – New 6e: Resignation**
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – lots of flooding which has greatly impacted the bridges along the trail. Trees down, too many to count.
 - b. Water testing – monthly testing ongoing in East Windsor sections.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Filter Bed Area – Filter bed area not flooded but in SRSP water had reached Bridge #2; Bridges 1 & 11 have ice, couldn't go beyond that because of the water. Bridge #7 was repaired but so much work left to do.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – will be checked on Friday.
 - e. Social Media / Publicity – New Year's Day Hike info has been sent to all publications and hiking clubs; and has appeared in JI twice, it is on FaceBook, Chamber has noticed it, and seen in Courant Community.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Work Party – Saturday, December 21 at 9:00am to assess damage and see what needs repairs in SRSP in preparation of new year's day event.
 - b. SRWA – Annual meeting speaker was Dr. Derek Dube from University of St. Joseph; he gave us lots of kudos for our help with his bacteria studies.
 - c. New meeting time/place – Consensus was to change time & place and it appears to be a good choice.
 - d. New Year's Day Hike – Hoping not have to resort to worse-case scenario and just use high ridge section of trail – only time and effort on Saturday will tell. Port-a-pot will be rented for the day.
 - e. **Resignation** – Vice Chair Tom Talamini tendered his resignation from the Commission because of his newly appointed position on the Board of Finance, to avoid possible conflicts of interest going forward. He maintains he will continue to help as a volunteer when available.
7. **Public input / Questions / Correspondence** – none

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sherman, Secretary American Heritage River Commission