

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY - December 16, 2021 – 5:45 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWN HALL 11 RYE STREET, BROAD BROOK, CT

PRESENT:

Albert Grant	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Debbie Talamini	Rebecca Talamini	Scott Tripp
Mark Whelden	Deb Williams	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Amy Larew	Ian Neill
Julie Pratt	Bud Schultz	

GUEST: Tom Talamini, Sharon Tripp

1. **Call to order.** 5:45 pm
2. **Minutes** of November 18, 2021 meeting. Motioned, Seconded and Approved
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Budget request for 2022-2023 was submitted.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – none
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – There was a report from a passerby of new trees down but members had not seen any new issues.
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly ongoing. Dr. Dube would be providing new bottles for his monitoring and additional labels were provided to Deb Austin.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing Park (aka: filter bed area) – Member Joanne Drapeau continues a sweep of TCP area every other week. A work party of 7 members again made Bridge #4 passable with additional pallets placed in the muddy area. The flower buckets were dressed up for the hike and vines cut back from BrailleTrail. The Banner was put up, but sadly the wind took it down. A new banner was ordered and we hope it will be shipped prior to the hike.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Continues although with less volume in colder weather.
 - e. Participation in Arts & Culture Project – Member Deb Williams followed up with information about the new group that was formed to bring something extra to town. The 2 panels, one referring to Arts & Culture Commission and the other highlighting the AHRC, will be on display for the hike.

- f. Media / Publicity – Postings of trail conditions were made on social media and a new flyer for the hike was added to the kiosk. Member Deb Talamini submitted a news article to the Journal Inquirer and it appeared in tonight's paper. She will continue to follow up and keep posting on FB to augment our other publicity re the hike.

6. New Business

- a. December Work Party – Members will continue to monitor the trails and try to be aware of the need for any last minute repairs to the trails. Conditions this time of year can change quickly and what looks good now might be ruined with one day of bad weather.
 - b. SRWA – Held its annual meeting virtually and neither Member Albie Grant nor Chair were able to attend..
 - c. Hike – Portable toilet was ordered and will be in place for participants. Confirmation that we will have hot chocolate available as well as a warming fire for heat and socializing.
- 7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence –** Discussion as to a possible solution for the slippery ramps took place – hoping we can resolve the issue.

Adjournment: 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sherman, Secretary