

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY – June 16, 2022 – 5:30 PM  
EAST WINDSOR PARK  
RESERVOIR AVENUE  
BROAD BROOK, CT**

**PRESENT:**

Albert Grant	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Deb Talamini	Rebecca Talamini	Mark Whelden
Deb Williams		

**ABSENT:**

Joanne Drapeau	Amy Larew	Ian Neill
Julie Pratt	Bud Schultz	Scott Tripp
Russell Williams		

**GUESTS:**

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 6:04pm
2. **Minutes** of May 19, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept minutes: Accepted, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini reported after June Secretary minutes are covered there will be a \$9.35 balance in our Budget account. Park & Rec had not yet ordered poop bags and we will cover that when they come in.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None at this time.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
  - a. River review – Level is down, way down. No other reports on conditions.
  - b. Water testing – Regular testing ongoing. E. coli testing started with first 2 weeks all BLUE results. As of 3<sup>rd</sup> week, AHRC will be sampling Cemetery Road, Rye Street (Ketch Brook) and Windsorville Pond. Volunteer Tyler Netz did it for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to him for that service. With the exception of East Road which was YELLOW, all other sites were BLUE.
  - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Member Joanne Drapeau reported a broken trash barrel to Highway Maintenance and she said it was replaced. It was noted that there has been a camper parked at T.C. and occupant seems to be staying overnight. It will be mentioned to the Police Department. Prior to hike, all the trails were mowed taking about 4 hours. DR mower was put in for service at Hirth Small Engine and repairs are under warranty. The fallen tree was removed from pathway. Bringing pruners along on a walk would be helpful as the vines are really growing.
  - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Recycling continues slowly.
  - e. CT Trails Day Hike – On our June 5<sup>th</sup> hike, 20 people signed in, some who had never been to SRSP. And there was evidence that several horses had walked the trail prior to the hike.
  - f. Arts & Culture Collaboration – Reported by Member Deb Williams there was no update on securing a craftsman to do a carving but other members suggested perhaps at a local fair one might be found. All will keep an eye out for a name.

- g. Writing the Land Project – Dr. Martin signed the Scantic River up to be part of the book. Our \$100 share of the total \$250 was paid out of the budget.
- h. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini posted about the Ct Trails Day Hike and some of our pictures were in the Forest & Park website. As of tonight she will post about the cardboard boat race which will be held Sunday June 26. Deb printed up several flyers and they will be spread around to generate interest in make new boats as boats used previously are not usable.

**6. New Business**

- a. June/July Work Party – Plans to confirm passage on the Scantic for the boat race will take place Saturday June 25 to check that there is nothing blocking the flow of the river. Entering at 9 AM.
- b. SRWA – Three of its members hiked with us on CT Trails Day. Its next meeting is Monday June 27.
- c. Cardboard Boat Race – June 26<sup>th</sup> again will follow the BMX Skate park duck race and again our members will launch the ducks and scoop them up at the end. Hoping to have at least 6 boats enter to make it a contest so please spread the word. Prizes will be awarded.

**7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – None.**

**Adjournment: 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman

June 17, 2022