

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY – August 18, 2022 – 5:30 PM
East Windsor Park
Reservoir Avenue, East Windsor, CT

PRESENT:

Joanne Drapeau	Albert Grant	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Deb Talamini	Rebecca Talamini
Scott Tripp	Deb Williams	Russell Williams

ABSENT:

Amy Larew	Ian Neill	Julie Pratt
Bud Schultz	Mark Whelden	

GUESTS:

Tom Talamini

1. **Call to order.** 5:32pm
2. **Minutes** of July 21, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept minutes: Accepted, Seconded and Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Deb Talamini had nothing new to report.
4. **Added Agenda Items** – None at this time.
5. **On-Going Business / Old Business**
 - a. River review – Level is so low that trees that were not previously visible can now be seen. It was wondered if the river gauge might now be found after it was washed away.
 - b. Water testing – Regular monthly testing and weekly E. coli testing is ongoing. E. coli will continue into September. A spreadsheet of E. coli results to date is attached to the minutes.
 - c. Scantic River State Park / Trolley Crossing – Member Joanne Drapeau is continuing her observations and cleans up several times each week at Trolley Crossing and it is sparkling. There was reported a tree down at Braille Trail blocking it and that there was damage to the fence.
 - d. Bottle / Can Receptacle – Recycling continues.
 - e. Arts & Culture Collaboration – Report by Member Deb Williams that the project is moving slowly as contact with the artist is limited, however when she has spoken to him he is very enthusiastic.
 - f. Social Media / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini has had nothing new to post.
6. **New Business**
 - a. August Work Party – Plans to meet Sunday August 21 at 9 AM at Melrose Bridge to remove fallen tree from Braille Trail and repair the fence. Depending on the time that work takes, maybe other projects can be accomplished as well.
 - b. SRWA – September 10th is date for full moon paddle at Somersville Mill Pond. There will be a food drive collection to go to a local food pantry. We are awaiting further info.

7. Public input / Questions / Correspondence – It was noted that at the next First Selectmen's meeting during the Town Meeting portion of the night, there will be a proposal to add to the Open Space fund which has enabled the town to buy various parcels such as the additional property to the donated land at Sabonis Landing and the Hensel property, our Heritage Park.

Adjournment: 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman

August 19, 2022

Attachment: E. coli testing results to date