



Thames River Basin Partnership January 19, 2010 Meeting notes

Attendance: Jean Pillo, Sarah Lamagna and Scott Gravatt, ECCD; Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Pomfret Conservation Commission; Sue Westa, GVI; Elaine Trench, USGS; Chris Bellucci, Rob Hust and Eric Thomas, CT DEP; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Denise Burchsted, NWC; Marc Cohen, ASRWVA; Joellen Anderson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Mike Goodwin, TU Thames Chapter and Avalonia Land Conservancy; Dixie Handfield, TU Thames Chapter; Eric Rumsey, Town of Killingly; Delia Fey, Town of Woodstock; Bob Hanacek, US ACE; Holly Drinkuth, GVI and TNC; Ruth Cutler, Ashford Conservation Commission; Bonnie Potocki, Town of Coventry; Jana Butts, WINCOG; James Finger, Town of Windham; Judy Rondeau, Town of Thompson

Meeting notes of October 20, 2009 approved by group consensus.

Special Presentation: Rob Hust and Chris Bellucci of the CT DEP overviewed the draft CT Minimum Stream Flow Regulations and the proposed implementation schedule. A public hearing regarding these proposed regulations was scheduled for January 21, 2010 beginning at 9 AM. Meeting participants were encouraged to attend the public hearing, or submit written comments by February 4, 2010 to the CT DEP at the following address:

Paul Stacey
DEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Planning and Standards Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

TRBP Financial Report – Beginning balance		\$2676.24
Website renewal	\$ 67.69	\$2608.55
Oct. meeting refreshments	\$39.25	\$2569.30

TRBP Coordinator Report.

TRBP Coordinator Year 3 grant closed out on October 31. Final Task (A report title An Inventory of Existing, Scheduled, and/or Planned Implementation Actions in Support of the Eagleville Brook TMDL has been posted on the TRBP website under What's New. The TRBP Coordinator grant Final Report has also been posted to the website under Projects.

All final reports due to the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Foundation as Part of the Long Island Sound Study in support of Floating Workshop IX have also been submitted to that agency.

Until additional funding is secured, the position of TRBP Coordinator is suspended. ECCD will continue to offer support to the organization by maintaining the financial accounts and providing staff time for setting up meetings and recording meeting notes.

ECCD, on behalf of the Thames River Basin Partnership, will sponsor a third annual rain barrel promotion in cooperation with the New England Rain Barrel Company. In addition to rain barrels constructed from repurposed beverage concentrate barrels, this year the NE Rain Barrel Company will also offer a Bio-orb composter. Information shared with those in attendance. A general distribution date has been set for June 19. Locations TBD. Funds raised through this promotion will support ECCD staff time devoted to TRBP meeting development and administrative support.

Partner reports were recorded in the Winter 2010 Partners in Action Report, available at www.trbp.org.

Floating Workshop X will feature the Phragmites Control Project at Poquetanuck Cove. The planning committee meeting schedule not yet established.

Next meeting will be April 20, 2010 at the NECCOG office in Dayville and will feature a co-presentation by the three area Council of Governments on the GIS data updates developed through a grant from the CT Office of Policy and Management.

Meeting notes recorded by Jean Pillo, Watershed Conservation Coordinator, ECCD