



Thames River Basin Partnership October 19, 2010 Meeting notes

Attendance: Eric Thomas, CT DEP; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Judy Rondeau, Jean Pillo, ECCD; Dixie Goodwin, TVTU; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Dave Goodrich, Town of Hampton; Marc Cohen, ASRWWA

Meeting notes for July 20, 2010 approved by group consensus.

Welcome and Introductions The group was welcomed to Sprague by First Selectman, Catherine Osten.

TRBP Financial Report –

The current balance in the TRBP account is \$2,321.62. There have been no financial transactions since the July meeting.

TRBP business

The TRBP FY2010/11 Plan of Work was not completed. J. Pillo requested organizations to review their activities on the FY2009/10 Plan of Work and set aside time for a conference call to complete this task in 2 weeks. ECCD will sponsor the conference call.

Due to shifts in TRBP steering committee members' professional responsibilities, it was agreed to expand the members represented on the TRBP steering committee. Marc Cohen of the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association and Lois Bruinooge of The Last Green Valley volunteered to serve in this capacity. Holly Drinkuth of GVI/TNC will be asked of her availability/interest to serve in this capacity.

Although the final allocation to The Last Green Valley from the National Park Service for fiscal year 2010/11 has not been determined, the current TLGV budget includes \$3000 to go to the Eastern CT Conservation District in support of TRBP Coordinator time. This will be dependent on the amount TLGV receives from the NPS. Contractual obligations for this funding have not yet been drafted.

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

Special Presentation: The meeting was relocated to Salt Rock Camp Ground where Brian Murphy of the CT DEP Inland Fisheries Division led a tour of a recently completed fish habitat enhancement project in the Shetucket River. Partnering with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, three constructed log jams and three constructed floating log covers were installed to enhance instream fish habitats.

Next meeting will be January 18, 2011. Several options for invited guests were discussed.

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