



Thames River Basin Partnership

April 17, 2012

Meeting notes

Attendance: Jean Pillo, Matt Snurkowski, Scott Gravatt and Judy Rondeau, ECCD; Grace Jacobson, Woodstock Conservation Commission.; Susan Westa, CNP; Marc Cohen, Callidity Consulting; Deanna Bergondo, US Coast Guard; Dixie Goodwin, Thames Valley TU; Eric Thomas and Neil Hagstrom, CT DEEP; Anne Roberts Pierson and Joellen Anderson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Javier Cruz, NRCS; Elaine Trench, USGS

Meeting notes for January 17, 2012 were approved by group consensus.

The Partnership was welcomed to the New London County office location of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service by District Conservationist, Javier Cruz. The NRCS has relocated within the same building at 238 West Town Street, in Norwich, CT, but now have a new office suite on at the other end of the building. Jav overviewed several technical assistance programs available for landowners.

Special Presentation

Neal Hagstrom of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Fisheries Division gave a presentation on the Connecticut Road Culvert Survey. He reviewed which types of road culverts are barriers for fish migration based on depth, bottom composition or velocity and which towns in eastern Connecticut that have complete surveys. Volunteers are needed to complete several towns in the Thames watershed basin. NRCS has funding programs which may support culvert retrofits on non-municipal private land. For more information on completed or not completed towns, please contact [Neal Hagstrom](#) at 860-295-9523

TRBP Financial Report

TRBP began the quarter with \$1983.13 after the expenses for the January meeting were paid. Approximately \$16 was spent on meeting refreshments. The financial report was approved by consensus.

TRBP business

Floating Workshop 12 will focus on the Willimantic River. A Floating Workshop Planning Committee will choose a Friday in late June for this program.

Next meeting will be July 17, 2012 at Project Oceanology. Elaine Trench of the USGS will be giving a presentation on Nutrients in the Thames River Basin in a Regional Context.

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