



Thames River Basin Partnership

January 20, 2015

Meeting notes

Attendance: Jean Pillo, Dan Mullins, ECCD; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Bev Thornton, Brooklyn CC; Jean Cass; Wayne Kilpatrick, Windham County Conservation Consortium; Randy Thompson, Hampton Conservation Commission; Mike Chapel, Allan Cahill, Hampton Board of Selectmen; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; John Preston, Charlie McCaughtry, Thames Valley Trout Unlimited; Eric Lindquist, CT Office of Policy and Management; Dave Goodrich, Hampton Inland Wetlands

TRBP was welcomed to Hampton Community Center by Hampton First Selectman Allan Cahill

Meeting notes for October 21, 2014 were reviewed. Anne Roberts Pierson was not in attendance at the October 2014 meeting. With that change, the meeting notes were approved by group consensus.

Special Presentation

A presentation by Chris Stone of CT DEEP on the revised MS4 general permit had to be rescheduled due to a last minute meeting conflict. Jean Pillo distributed a DEEP fact sheet on the MS4 general permit and gave an overview of her observations of the public hearing that took place in December 2014. Chris's presentation was rescheduled for the spring TRBP meeting.

TRBP Financial Report

Date	Deposit or Withdrawal	Memo	Account Balance
10/21/2014		Beginning Balance	\$2425.90
10/21/2014	-\$19.42	October meeting refreshments	\$2406.48
12/16/2014	-\$72.33	Go Daddy webhosting annual fee	\$2334.15
		Ending Balance	\$2334.15

An additional \$17.20 will be withdrawn from the account to cover the cost of the January meeting refreshments.

The financial report was approved by consensus.

TRBP Coordinator's Report

Upper Quinebaug River will be focus on TRBP Floating Workshop XV. Tentative date June 19
Potential topics/speakers

- Bill Reid of TLGV has numerous contacts (formerly employed by Old Sturbridge Village)
- Army Corp of Engineers Flood Control Projects
- OSV potential site of workshop?
- Hamant Brook dam removal project
- Millennium Power water usage
- TLGV Quinebaug River Water Trail
- TLGV supported develop of Quinebaug River Trail at OSV

TRBP has committed to assist with education and outreach as a partner in a Regional Conservation Partnership Project grant awarded to The Last Green Valley. This commitment was compatible with the TRBP 2012 – 2015 Plan of Work. This is a two year commitment. Updated Plan of Work will need to reflect this.

TRBP website update: TRBP already uses the services of Go Daddy to host the website. It was learned that for an additional monthly fee, TRBP can create a WordPress website with fully managed hosting, setup and security. Costs range from \$1.00 per month for a basic site to \$29.99/month for a professional site. CT Envirothon is considering transition to Word Press. TLGV new website uses WordPress. Pros of using this platform include:

- Multi-user access to manage website with login and password
- No software to purchase
- Go Daddy has webpage templates
- Compatible with smart phone users

Funding for coordinator time to transition website to new platform is the limiting factor. TRBP Coordinator will seek funding to fund website redesign.

TRPB Partners presented updates on their activities compatible with the TRBP Plan of Work. These activities were compiled in a separate Winter 2015 TRBP Partners in Action Report.

Partners reviewed the 2012 – 2015 TRBP Plan of Work and suggested revisions. TRBP Coordinator will contact Partner representatives not in attendance and ask for feedback on draft updated draft Plan of Work. The draft Plan of Work to be ready for adoption by April TRBP meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015. Meeting location has not been determined. Chris Stone of CT DEEP will give a presentation on the revised MS4 general permit.

Meeting notes prepared by Jean Pillo, ECCD and TRBP Coordinator. These meeting notes are considered draft until approved at the next TRBP meeting.