



# Thames River Basin Partnership

## April 9, 2013

### Meeting notes

**Attendance:** Jean Pillo, Scott Gravatt, Judy Rondeau, ECCD; Eric Thomas, DEEP; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Bev Thornton, Brooklyn CC; Jean Cass, Woodstock; Ray Covino, USDA NRCS; Karina Mrakovcich, US CGA, Elaine Trench, USGS; Mickey Weiss, Project O

Meeting notes for January 15, 2013 were approved by group consensus.

### Special Presentation

This quarter's special presentation was given by Scott Gravatt, Executive Director of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. Scott gave an overview of the 9 year process to design, permit, gather easements and finally construct the Hallville Fishway, which is now open for business. For the first time in over 150 years, fish that live in the Atlantic Ocean will be able to get over the Hallville Dam in Preston, CT. First proposed to ECCD by DEEP in 2004, this fishway restores access for primarily alewife and will allow them to return to Hallville each spring for spawning. A dedication ceremony is planned for May 2, 2013 at 10 AM.

### TRBP Financial Report

We started the quarter with \$2,203.23

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	OUTGO	BALANCE
12/18/12				\$ 2,203.23
01/15/13	Jean Pillo-reimburse tea kettle		\$ 13.66	\$ 2,189.57
01/15/13	Jean Pillo-reimburse mtg refresh.		\$ 24.46	\$ 2,165.11

The financial report was approved by consensus.

### TRBP Coordinator's Report

A seven question Survey Monkey survey was created and sent to everybody on the TRBP e-distribution list. 21 replies were recorded. Survey results were shared with the Partnership. Group consensus supports continuance of a TRBP website especially for access to the Thames River Basin Partnership Partners in Action Report quarterly newsletter, meeting notes and agendas and Floating Workshop information. Links to Partner websites and TRBP documents also considered important.

J. Pillo presented an estimate from a contractor, Stratos Studios, that could convert the website over to a new platform for approximately \$1700 with an annual maintenance fee. Partners wanted more information on the ease of using that platform before proceeding.

Partner reports were recorded in the TRBP newsletter Partners in Action Report.

Next meeting is t scheduled for July 16, 2013. Meeting location will be Project O in Groton.  
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