



## **Thames River Basin Partnership**

### **July 16, 2013**

### **Meeting notes**

**Attendance:** Jean Pillo, ECCD; Eric Thomas, Dave Kozak, DEEP; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy; Bev Thornton, Brooklyn CC; USGS; Mickey Weiss, Project O; Dixie Goodwin, Thames Valley TU; Dave Schroeder, Ledyard CC; Dave Goodrich, Hampton IWC; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Holly Drinkuth, TNC; Vicky Severia, Camp Harkness; Bud McAllister, PHC; Georgia Basso, USFWS-LISS;

Meeting notes for April 9, 2013 were approved by group consensus.

#### **Special Presentation**

This quarter's special presentation was given by Holly Drinkuth, Director of Outreach and Watershed Programs for The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Connecticut Chapter. Ms. Drinkuth gave an overview of their efforts working with eastern Connecticut shoreline communities in a program called [Community Resilience, Using Nature to Reduce Climate and Disaster Risks](#). TNC recently worked with the towns of Stonington, East Lyme, Old Lyme and Waterford in an approach that uses four critical steps:

- Assess Risk and Vulnerability to coastal hazards
- Identify Solutions using built and nature-based infrastructure
- Take Action to implement adaptation solutions
- Measure Effectiveness of reducing risk

#### **TRBP Financial Report**

We started the quarter with **\$2,165.11**

Income this quarter included a late payment for Floating Workshop 12 (\$45), payment for 27 workshop registrations @ \$25 each, and additional donations totaling \$30.

Expenses this quarter have been \$12.92 reimbursement for April meeting refreshments, \$632.31 for Floating Workshop expenses (lunches, refreshments at Mitchell College beach and insurance.

The quarter ended with \$2269.88 in the TRBP account.

The financial report was approved by consensus.

#### **TRBP Coordinator's Report**

A PowerPoint slide show capturing the main themes from the Floating Workshop was presented to those in attendance. This slideshow is available on the TRBP website [www.trbp.org](http://www.trbp.org) in the "What's New" box. Please use Windows Explorer when visiting the TRBP website.

The workshop committee and partners that supported the workshop through provision of speakers, meeting space and/or boat transportation were all sent appropriate thank you messages for their support of the Partnership.

TRBP website project update: no committee report. TLGV has an active RFP to hire a web designer to update their website. They will inquire if it is possible to absorb the TRBP website as part of that project and if it will be possible for multiple people to have access to it for updating purposes.

TRPB Partners presented updates on their activities compatible with the TRBP Plan of Work. These activities were compiled in a separate Summer 2013 TRBP [Partners in Action Report](#).

Next meeting is t scheduled for October 15 2013. Meeting location has not been determined, but a northern watershed location is preferred so meeting participants are able to enjoy the foliage on the ride to the meeting.

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