



## **Thames River Basin Partnership**

### **April 15, 2014**

### **Meeting notes**

**Attendance:** Jean Pillo, Judy Rondeau, Dan Mullins, ECCD; Eric Thomas, Helene Hochholzer, DEEP; John Guzskowski, CME/ECRC&D; Donna Bronwell, Killingly Conservation Commission; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy/ECCD; Bev Thornton, Brooklyn CC/ECCD; Ray Covino, USDA NRCS; Bud McCallister, Zoe Maden, Partners for Healthy Communities; Jean Cass; Andee Brendalen, ECCD volunteer; Dave Goodrich, Hampton IWC; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Deanna Bergondo, Coast Guard Academy

Meeting notes for January 21, 2014 were approved by group consensus.

#### **Special Presentation**

This quarter's special presentation was given by John Guzskowski of CME, serving as the AGvocate Program Manager. John overviewed the AGvocate program, its funding and successes, and how this program is being held up as a model for the entire state.

#### **TRBP Financial Report**

We started the quarter with \$2,163.14. \$26.49 was deducted for January meeting expenses. The balance in the account is \$2,136.65.

The financial report was approved by consensus.

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

Website update – two options were presented for upgrading the website.

Option 1 – piggyback on the TLGV website upgrade with a cost of \$4500

Option 2 – hire an independent web-contractor for \$1700 but with less features.

A decision on what option would be taken was deferred until a website subcommittee meeting could be scheduled.

Updates on the development of the TRBP Floating Workshop were presented. The selected date of the workshop is June 20, 2014. The Town of Griswold will host the indoor presentation at their town hall. Several speaker/topics were presented. A Save the Date notice would go out as the workshop agenda is in development. Kate Johnson of ECCD will get price of insurance rider. Pillo and Roberts-Pierson toured the watershed with Scott Dawley of DEEP Parks Department and gained a wealth of knowledge. Pachaug Pond was selected for the floating portion of the event. Residents that live along Pachaug Pond are being recruited for transportation on the pond using pontoon boats.

TRPB Partners presented updates on their activities compatible with the TRBP Plan of Work. These activities were compiled in a separate Spring 2014 TRBP Partners in Action Report.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2014. Meeting location will be Project Oceanology in Groton. Juliana Barrett of CT Sea Grant will be presenting an overview of the new Coastal Climate Resiliency Center start up at UConn, Avery Point campus

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These meeting notes are considered a draft until approved at the next TRBP meeting.