



Thames River Basin Partnership

October 21, 2014

Meeting notes

Attendance: Jean Pillo, Dan Mullins, ECCD; Eric Thomas, DEEP; Marc Cohen, ASRWVA; Anne Roberts Pierson, Avalonia Land Conservancy/ECCD; Bev Thornton, Brooklyn CC/ECCD; Ray Covino, USDA NRCS; Glen Newcombe, Dave Goodrich, Hampton IWC; Randy Thompson, Hampton CC; Lois Bruinooge, TLGV; Mickey Weiss, Project O; Meg Reich, Willimantic River Alliance; Lisa Hayden, NEFF; Gwen Haaland, Ashford CC; Nan Cooper; Alex Barrett, Julius Pasay, Yale School of Forestry; Susan Eastwood, Clean Water Action

Meeting notes for July 15, 2014 were approved by group consensus.

Special Presentation

This quarter's special presentation was given by Alex Barrett and Julius Pasay of the Yale School of Forestry. The meeting was held in the student camp in the Yale Myers Forest in Eastford. An overview of their Quiet Corner Initiative was presented. Highlighted were several of their successful projects including a stream restoration project in Leadmine Brook in Ashford and the installation of a stream flow gauge in Bigelow Brook. Students are seeking opportunities to design restoration projects or develop forest management plans for private landowners and local municipalities as a means to get practical experience.

Following this presentation, a short video on the Air Line Trail State Park was played during the meeting break.

TRBP Financial Report

We started the quarter with \$2,468.89. Miscellaneous expenses related to the Floating Workshop totaling \$42.99 were deducted from the account, along with \$19.42 to cover the cost of refreshments for the October meeting. The ending balance in the account is \$2,406.48

The financial report was approved by consensus.

TRBP Coordinator's Report

TRBP Coordinator position will continue to be funded in part by TLGV, but at a reduced level from FY14. Scope of work details had not been finalized yet.

Current TRBP Plan of Work will expire on June 30, 2015. There is a need to form a TRBP Plan of Work Committee. ECCD may have volunteers that can help with updating the Plan of Work if the correct information is available. Partners were asked to review the current Plan of Work and be prepared by the January meeting to provide updated information.

Ideas were solicited for Floating Workshop XV. A list of the previous floating workshops was presented. Ideas suggested included featuring the upper Quinebaug in Massachusetts and the Yantic River as viewed from the river trail in Norwich. No consensus was reached.

Still no action was taken on overhauling the TRBP website. The website seems to be compatible with Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox at this time. Many broken links need to be fixed or pages edited to remove references to outdated information. Any major website activity would require additional funding for the TRBP Coordinator. No funding options were presented.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015 at the Hampton Community Center.

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