



Thames River Basin Partnership October 15, 2019 Meeting Notes (Draft)

Attendance: Jean Pillo, ECCD/TRBP Coordinator, Francesca Kefales, TLGV; Gary Lussier, Michael Carl, Charles McCaughtry, Thames Valley Trout Unlimited; Alicea Charamut, Rivers Alliance of CT; Lindsay Beutler, Windham IWC/ECCC volunteer; Eric Thomas, DEEP; Amanda Ryan, UCONN CLEAR; Maura Robie, Anne Roberts Pierson, ECCD; Deanna Rhodes, Dan Daniska, City of Norwich; Garrett Timmons, USDA NRCS; Jaime Smith, CT Dept. of Agriculture; Lynn Stoddard, ECSU Sustainable CT

The meeting was held at the Audrey Peck Municipal Complex, Mansfield, CT.

Special Presentation:

Lynn Stoddard of the Eastern Connecticut State University Institute of Sustainable Living gave a presentation on the Sustainable CT initiative. This program, designed for Connecticut municipalities, is a roadmap for sustainability. The vision of the program is for communities to strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and the local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents, and they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment. Participation in the program is voluntary, but there are incentives for towns that are enrolled. To earn a bronze or silver level designation, municipalities must complete elements from nine different categories to earn points. An innovative new program added to the initiative is to provide fast, flexible funding to support local projects throughout CT through crowd-source funding combined with cost share funding. If your community is not yet involved with this program, or to get more information, visit the Sustainable CT website at <https://sustainablect.org>.

TRBP meeting notes from July 2019 were approved by consensus.

TRBP Coordinator Report

The Rivers Alliance of Connecticut small grant payment for the TRBP website was received and deposited into the TRBP account on September 21, 2019. ECCD invoiced the TRBP account for \$2166 owed for ECCD staff time involved in the website project as approved at the Spring 2019 TRBP meeting.

A cooperative agreement has been signed by TLGV and ECCD to continue funding the TRBP Coordinator position for another year at the same level of funding the previous year.

TRBP website:

For the www.thamesriverbasinpartnership.org website, the webhosting fee and 2 URLs will be due this quarter to GoDaddy. At the July meeting, we discussed looking into a less expensive webhosting service. No action was taken due to a heavy workload on other projects.

The TRBP coordinator is scheduled for a second training with Caryn of Great Webs.

Social media update: The TRBP coordinator has posted information to the TRBP website 28 times since the July meeting.

TRBP Coordinator contacted Mary Decker of DEEP requesting she give presentation at a future meeting on how diatoms are used as water quality indicators in CT.

TRBP Financial Report

A \$250 accounting error was discovered on the July Financial report (\$125 was subtracted instead of added to the account balance). Once corrected, the beginning balance for this quarter was \$582.13.

Date	Memo	Amount	Account Balance
	Starting Balance		\$582.13
7/15/19	Donation from TVTU	\$100.00	\$682.13
7/23/19	TRBP meeting refreshments	-\$12.07	\$670.06
9/21/19	Rivers Alliance small grant payment for TRBP website	\$3000.00	\$3670.06
9/25/19	ECCD payment for staff time	-\$2166.00	\$1504.06
		Account Balance	\$1504.06

Expected expenses this coming quarter will include reimbursement for TRBP meeting refreshments and costs associated with the TRBP website renewal.

Partner Reports

TRBP Partner Reports were compiled into the Thames River Basin Partnership Partners in Action Report available for download from TRBP website.

Next meeting will be on January 21, 2020 featuring Mary Becker of DEEP. (Location TBD).

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