



Thames River Basin Partnership

October 16, 2018

Meeting Notes (Draft)

Attendance: Jean Pillo, ECCD/TRBP Coordinator, Sam Alexander, SCCOG; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP, Kathleen Mason, Highstead; Mike St. Lawrence, Wyndham Land Trust, Jean Cass, Lilli Rhodes, (others may have attended - attendance sheet was misplaced.)

The meeting was held at the Northeast District Department of Health conference room in Brooklyn, CT.

Special Presentation:

Jean Pillo presented the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Annual Year in Review, highlighting the diversity of projects ECCD was involved with during FY17/18. The projects included a 100 rain garden, 100 rain barrel project in eastern Connecticut, research they have conducted on agricultural runoff, installation of agricultural conservation projects and collaborative efforts they participate in to reduce non-point runoff. More information about ECCD and the projects they are involved with can be found at

<http://www.ConserveCT.org/eastern>.

TRBP Financial Report

Beginning balance \$2,557.77\$

date	Activity	Amount	Balance
07/19/2018	FW Donation	25.00	2,582.77
07/24/2018	FW refreshments	-42.63	2,540.14
07/24/2018	TRBP mtg expenses	-19.95	2,520.19
		Final balance	2,520.19

TRBP Coordinator's Report

TRBP website update – The Rivers Alliance of CT has approved a small grant (\$3000) to support the creation of a new TRBP website. An RFP was developed and distributed. Two people responded. One has since rescinded. The committee approved extending the deadline to October 19, 2018. At this point, no additional bids have been received. A quarterly report was prepared and submitted to the Rivers Alliance on September 15, 2018

At the 2018 Floating Workshop, attendees were asked to evaluate the program. Results are as follows:

- 100% of those that responded felt that the \$25 workshop fee was a good value.

Best part of the Floating Workshop

- 10 respondents said the Thames River Cruise

- 15 people responded they liked the hands on activities (water testing and bottom grab sample) the best.
- 8 people responded they liked the general content/theme
- 7 people specified networking
- Two people specifically liked the submarine.

Suggested improvements – in general, comments were positive.

- Two people commented that they would have preferred to have the lunch later in the program.
- One person suggested we target more municipal people and less conservation professionals (choir preaching to the choir)
- One person would have liked to have seen more Thames River water quality information.
- One person suggested future FW include more hands on activities
- 6 people would have preferred better weather

Floating Workshop 2019 theme suggestions were requested. The Yantic River and Five Mile River were suggested. No further action was taken.

Partner Reports

TRBP Partner Reports will be compiled into the Thames River Basin Partnership Partners in Action Report available for download from The Last Green Valley website after is it completed.

Next meeting will be on January 15, 2019. (Location TBD).

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