

Thames River Basin Partnership Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (snow date January 28, 2020)

9:30 AM to Noon

**NRCS Conference Room
USDA Service Center
238 West Town Street
Norwich, CT**

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Special Presentation:

Diatoms are a single-celled alga which has a cell wall of silica. They are found in many different types of environments. Mary Becker of CT DEEP will give a presentation explaining how diatoms are good indicators water pollution in rivers and streams, especially for excess phosphorus. Data being collected by CT DEEP is being used to develop diatom tolerance metrics to assist in identifying phosphorus as a contributing cause of aquatic life impairment. Biological tolerance metrics provide a measure of the sensitivity of aquatic organisms to anthropogenic disturbance, like phosphorus. These metrics would be used in conjunction with other measures to identify phosphorus as a cause of aquatic life impairment.

Break/Networking

TRBP Coordinators Report

TRBP financial report
Review of October 15, 2019 meeting notes.
TRBP Floating Workshop planning update

Partner Reports on Activities related to the TRBP Plan of Work: Share your organizations efforts that are compatible with the TRBP Plan of Work. Reports will be compiled in the TRBP newsletter, the Partners in Action Report.

Adjournment

NOTE: Please consider this opportunity to update the Partnership on your projects or to network with others working in similar fields. For more information, contact Jean Pillo, jean.pillo@comcast.net or call (860) 928-4948 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Partnership encourages the use of our website and newsletter, the TRBP Partners in Action Report as valuable resources. Please feel free to review the website www.TRBP.org.