



Thames River Basin Partnership

October 17, 2023

Meeting Notes (Draft)

Attendance: Jean Pillo, ECCD/TRBP Coordinator, Lois Bruinooge, Lyann Graff, The Last Green Valley; Cindy Wright Jones, TLGV vol & ECCD Board; Jocelyn Lahey, CT RC&D; Katie Lund, NERR; Michelle Maitland, Groton; Joellen Anderson, Avalonia; Marcia Kilpatrick, Hampton Conservation Commission; Owen Placido, CT Sea Grant; Pat Monahan, Amos Lake Association

Special Presentation:

A special presentation was given by Katie Lund, Coastal Training Coordinator at the Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Meeting participants learned about the Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve's geography, mission, programs, and ways to collaborate with reserve staff. The Thames River estuary, up to the Gold Star Bridge, is included in the Reserve. <https://estuarineresearchreserve.center.uconn.edu/> If you would like to join their email list for updates about their Coastal Training Program (CTP) workshops, please send an email the CTP Coordinator at CTNERR.Training@uconn.edu.

If you missed the presentation, it is available to view on YouTube <https://youtu.be/64HBuHSjb0g>

TRBP Financial Report:

The current balance in the TRBP passthrough account is \$1664.90 after final FW payments were received and deposited. There were no expenses this quarter.

Planned upcoming expenses for the next quarter include website hosting and 2 domain renewals through an account with GoDaddy.com.

TRBP Coordinator's Report

The Summer Partners in Action Report was produced and distributed.

TLGV has renewed the cooperative agreement for TRBP coordinator time for FY 2024 beginning October 1, 2023.

TRBP social media was kept active showcasing partner activities that are compatible with the TRBP Plan of Work.

Website is currently not functioning following an update to Word Press. The probable cause is an incompatible plugin or theme. This issue will be addressed before the next quarterly meeting.

TRBP annual report due to TLGV has been submitted.

TRBP Plan of Work is set to expire in 2024. A Plan of Work committee is necessary to review and revise the Plan of Work to focus on the conservation themes that reflect our partners missions.

A pollinator pathway subcommittee or workgroup was suggested. Lyann from TLGV volunteered to serve on the committee.

If any of our partnering organizations wish to have their message shared on the TRBP FB page, please send the information via email to Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net in a cut and paste format. Pictures are encouraged.

Partner Reports

TRBP Partner Reports will be compiled into the Fall 2023 Thames River Basin Partnership Partners in Action Report and uploaded to the website once completed.

<https://thamesriverbasinpartnership.org/>

Next meeting will be on January 16, 2024 and will be held virtually via Zoom. Our guest presenter will be Lois Bruinooge, who will present a wrap up report on the TLGV RCPP Southern New England Heritage Forest initiative.

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