



Ad Hoc Committee – Thatchbed Island

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Meeting: August 30, 2023 at 4 pm, Essex Yacht Club

Introduction of new Committee member - Alison Brinkmann, Connecticut River Conservancy, which is now considered as a “partner”.

Reviewed current situation and plans and DEEP permit application. Particular attention to moving northern rock hazard, which is permitted by DEEP through a COP as defined in the General Permit #9.

Once rocks are relocated, the Committee will use this as the kick off to publicizing the restoration plans.

Reviewed “Environmental Benefits of Dredged Materials Contained in Geotextile Tubes — Drakes Creek, TN”, a paper published about 20 years ago describing in detail actions taken in TN. This situation is very similar to our restoration proposal, using Envirotubes as we suggest.

Efforts to survey eastern portion of Thatchbed have been hampered by the high waters of the past month and a half. We need survey to be done at a time when Mean Low Water can be identified.

DEEP is trying to figure out exactly what details and study is needed to cover their questions about our proposal. Since this is a “demonstration project”, there is no historic situation that can be used as a reference. Kathleen will communicate with Brian Thompson at DEEP to try to get things moving in this area.

Anticipating meeting again in about a month.

No motions or votes.