

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – January 7, 2010**

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Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, January 7, 2009 beginning at 1 PM at the Norton Public Library, Route 123, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Bob Boette, Foxboro; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Edward Tartufo, Mansfield.

Guest: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

- I. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 1 PM by Wayne Southworth.
- II. Review Minutes of December 3, 2009** - Flynn/Boette moved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2009. VOTED

III. Awareness Day 2010 Discussion - Southworth: location is secured; confirmed the date with the Rod and Gun Club; the club asked if we wanted the shooting range shut down; short discussion held – consensus was without shooting would be better but would not make that a condition; we have talked about a GPS program such as geo caching (may not be enough space; could possibly do a program for young adults which would require less space); Masciarelli – have contacted with a speaker from DCR who is to get back to me; Edwards – what about creating a flyer (same to be done); have canoes available; Jenn Carlino to take pictures; show video of flyover of the river (might be a technical problem with this); display the large CRAAC map; refreshments are not easily available as sources are gone; suggestion to have a gun demonstration was not considered an appropriate program; will place Awareness Day on next agenda for more discussion.

IV. Discuss Future Speakers

Southworth: would like to discuss potential speakers for future meetings. Suggestions: someone from the Taunton River Watershed Alliance; representative from DCR; speaker on the correct way to clear log jams without hurting the habitat; proper cleaning of a stream; Southworth to check with Easton's Conservation Commission agent; what about a retired person who has worked in these areas; Carlino to get in touch with a Norton historian to see if he would do a 20 minute program.

Observation: looking back this committee did a lot more to involve people and communities; our towns have changed in 20 years including the leadership; some do not know we exist. Suggestions: do more electronically with the CRAAC map and GPS information; schools are a good starting point; could set up a contest for the elementary children (ex: find 10 species; if you canoe the river, how many miles would you go?); do a video and distribute it (this was done 5 or 10 years ago); Flynn to talk to the owners of Mansfield cable to see if he would be interested; need to look for outreach opportunities;

Masciarelli – could talk with the person who is working on a grant; the Green Committee puts 50 'green tips' on cable each week – could do a CRAAC fact list; Southworth – could redo some things we did before; need to let the people know we are here; O'Donnell – could do a round table discussion and video it; some towns put up banners the week before; take advantage of the citizen's use of the computer; could we make some kind of CRAAC video game; as to the town leadership changes, send a cover letter with our new brochure, list of membership and meeting dates to each of the Selectmen and Conservation Commissions in the five towns; have a revolving photograph program; have a GIS and archeological program; make use of public places such as Town Halls and libraries for displays.

V. & VI. New Business and Old Business

Robert Boette and Kevin O'Donnell both noted they have been reappointed to the CRAAC.

Edwards: have updated the website with agendas, minutes, mentioned the loss of Norton member Suzanne Erickson; plan to update the photographs; keep contemplating the overall web design. O'Donnell: with the map we have, could you click on and have a virtual tour (Edwards: to do that would need members to send a nice image of the site and paragraph on same; then I will find a way to link them to the web). Southworth: good idea; will take time to build; recognize the need to change things.

Next meeting is February 4, 2010 in Mansfield.

Meeting adjourned.