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Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday May 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Foxborough Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Members Present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Jan Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Leo Potter, Foxborough; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon

Others Present: Adrienne Edwards, Easton

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Wayne Southworth.
- II. **Review Minutes of April 1, 2010** – John Fresh motioned to approve the minutes of April 1, 2010. Leo Potter seconded the motion. The minutes of April 1, 2010 were approved by a 7:0:1 vote, with Bob Boette abstaining, as he was not present for that meeting.
- III. **23rd Annual CRAAC Awareness Day – May 8, 2010** – The event, to be held at the Mansfield Fish and Game, will open at 9:00 am, and begin at 10:00 am. A muzzle-loading shooting demonstration will be held. Adrienne Edwards will give a talk on the archaeology of the area. Ed Tartufo mentioned that the deed to Van Court's farm, which abuts the Canoe River, referenced the Potash River. He and other committee members are curious if this name was the original name for the Canoe River. This is something that members will try to investigate.
John Fresh is bringing fishing rods. Canoes and life jackets will also be available. The geo-caching will probably not take place. Mansfield's fishing derby is taking place on the same day, which may result in a smaller crowd. Notice of the Awareness Day was posted on the Mansfield website.
Light refreshments will be available. Adrienne Edwards invited members of the Mass Archaeological Society to attend.
- IV. **New Business** –
 - Wayne Southworth noted that a recent event at the Statehouse acknowledged that Sharon received a Water Conservation Award and Easton received a Public Water Systems Large Community Award. Congratulations to both communities.
 - Committee members discussed ways to increase attendance at the annual Awareness Day. Easton has an annual poster contest for children with a cash prize, which draws a lot of participants. It was suggested that the Awareness Day be held along with the open house events of member communities. Ed Tartufo said that the Committee may want to consider having the event at a different time of the year, when water use restrictions are more relevant. The event could also be held at a different time of the day in order to draw more attendance.
- V. **Old Business** -

- Bob Boette was informed that activity has begun again on property in Foxborough adjacent to the Canoe River, where there is a DEP Superseding Order of Conditions in place requiring restoration of the wetlands.
- Wayne Southworth said that Andrew Gala, Foxborough's Town Manager, is retiring. He said that Andy has been very supportive of the CRAAC since its inception. Jan Fowler motioned to send a letter of congratulations to Andy, and to thank him for his support over the years. Bob Boette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jan Fowler said that there was an informational meeting held in Easton regarding ATV's. A representative from National Grid was there. It is difficult to deter the use of ATV's. Gates are opened and extremely large boulders that have been placed are often moved. Ed Tartufo felt that cameras may be the best deterrent.
- The next meeting of the CRAAC will take place on June 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Norton. George Yelle will give a presentation on the history of the Canoe River.

VI. **Meeting Adjourned** – Bob Boette motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Fresh seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.