

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – January 6, 2011

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, January 6, 2011 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Town Hall, 6 Park Row, Mansfield MA.

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

Guests: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist; John Shannon, Mansfield resident; Frances Shirley, Land Preservation Society (LPS) – Norton.

I. Call to Order - Wayne Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

II. Review Minutes of November 4, 2010 - Flynn/Boette moved to accept the minutes of November 4, 2010. VOTED

Flynn/Masciarelli moved to accept the revised minutes of September 9, 2010. VOTED

III. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update - Flynn: nothing to report; hopeful on a parcel, but nothing worth mentioning at this time.

Southworth: at a meeting met David McGowan from the Nature Conservancy who asked if we need any help with funding; perhaps we could invite him to one of our meetings.

Flynn: there are five pieces in Mansfield we would like to get; but we have to have willing sellers; original idea was to get 500' on each side of the river; this might be too aggressive; would like to see a continuous green belt strip. Shirley: we have interest in a parcel in the bend of the Three Mile River.

Flynn also noted the state has passed legislation regarding ATVs which is enforceable; still hard to get it enforced.

Short discussion on conservation restrictions: cost, drafting, legal enforcement.

IV. Accept Resignation of Susan Mims - Fowler/Boette moved to accept the resignation of Susan Mims with regret. VOTED

Flynn/Boette moved to send a letter expressing the Committee's feelings for Susan's years of service. VOTED

Frances Shirley noted that one of the Land Preservation Society group will be applying. Southworth: the Board of Selectmen appoint members and a candidate should send a letter of interest to them.

Masciarelli noted he needs to look into reappointment. A letter will be sent noting same to the Sharon Board of Selectmen.

V. Discuss Canoe River Awareness Day 2011 - talked about the difficulty of getting people to come to affairs; suggestion was made to join with Easton's open house on a Saturday; talked about participating with different groups (ex: a water department's open house); looking for ideas.

O'Donnell: talked with Kurt Gaffney (Operations Manager, Mansfield Water Dept.) who would be interested in participating in a open house; the date of May 14, 2011 would work well (the clean up date in Mansfield is 04-30-2011); location would be the main office which is next to the Rod and Gun Club; parking is not an issue; would have an open house and give a tour of the facility.

Comments: good location; it is on the river; might get the canoes in the river.

Flynn noted that the NRT is planning a open space fair this year. The goal is to get anyone interested in open space to participate.

VI. CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration 2012 - Southworth: feeling is that the 25th should be a formal event.

Comments: it will be hard to top the location we used at the 20th celebration - maybe we talked to them; the 20th celebration we were able to get some donations which helped with the meal; would need a keynote speaker; suggestion - prepare a map with before and after land ownership and/or protected areas over the 25 years of the CRAAC existence. One of the first things done as a group was to close Red Mill Road between Easton and Norton which has made the area much more pristine.

Point of Inforamtion - Boette noted that Bill Hocking, our long term Chairman (Foxboro Conservation Commission) passed away last week.

VIII. Adjourn - 1:50 PM.

Next Meeting will be held in Easton.