

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2011**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, December 1, 2011 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Town Hall Room 2AB, 6 Park Row, Mansfield, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John J. Fresh, Jr., Easton; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Bob Boette, Foxborough; Frances Shirley, Norton; Jonathan Rowe, Norton; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guest: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist; Xia Jin, Mansfield GIS Manager.

1. **Call to Order** - Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
2. **Review Minutes of November 3, 2011** - Tartufo/Boette moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2011 as corrected. Voted.
3. **Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - nothing to report; Flynn noted that the ACEC program is going defunct due to cuts in funding. Carlino/Flynn moved to send a letter to Liz Sorenson thanking her for all of her support and years of service in the Commonwealth and noting our disappointment the ACEC project is inactive.
4. **GIS Presentation – Xia Jin, GIS Manager – Town of Mansfield** - Jin's presentation included the following: an Introduction to GIS; its uses to Mansfield in drinking water, in stormwater and in conservation. Flynn noted that GIS has also been helpful in the Canoe River Green Belt Land Analysis; should consider putting in the depth of saturated soil; this is a great tool.

Questions: how much is available on-line – property boundaries, zoning, voting districts, open space, aerial; how long have you been working with the GIS. Jin: eight years; departments are responsible for their infrastructures; in the Town Hall, if there is a zoning change, I help management.

5. **CRAAC Educational Outreach Kiosk Discussion** - Edwards: have not heard yet about next year; we discussed a kiosk linked to the website where the data would be stored; this might be the time to make a fresh new website.

Highlights of discussion: if the town has GIS, could it access the website; have been discussing same, perhaps our next meeting should talk about our website; perhaps at the following meeting in Sharon, their GIS person could be a guest; putting information on-line is the best exposure; still think there is a need for the kiosk along with the website; perhaps there is something we can do with the colleges, as well as the work done to date to protect the land.

**6. Annual Canoe River Aquifer Awareness Day April 28, 2012** – Southworth: date has been set for April 28, 2012 at the Easton Water Works who will be celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> year; hopefully all our members will be able to attend this year's event; usually there is well over 100 attendees.

**7. Proposed AT&T Cell Tower Within 400 Feet of Sharon's Well #6** - Masciarelli: this is still in front of the Zoning Board; it is not within the 400 feet, nor has it ever been.

Discussion: are there any activities that would be harmful to the site (all these questions have been asked - ex: backup generators, still in design stage); is the 400 feet a code requirement (yes); what they should be looking for is the core of influence (400 feet is an arbitrary number but it is a pristine area); backup generators use only propane fuel.

**8 Discuss the Program for CRAAC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012** - Southworth: have reached out to speakers but have not had any response; should branch out; looking for suggestions or avenues (Bill Vernon did follow us a lot of years); by next month's meeting we need to have someone in mind.

Comments: need someone close to our philosophy - one who agrees with what we are trying to accomplish; Easton, like other municipalities, have been re-districted; perhaps someone from one of the colleges; will carry this to our next meeting; think we need to have a small three person subcommittee; have talked about looking for donations.

**9. Beaumont Pond Update** - Boette: they have settled on a drawdown; no chemicals; went back to the original order of conditions and got more reports to be done; have already started the drawdown; total feet of drawdown will be four; pond was originally a natural area but gravel was hauled out to build Rte. 495 or Logan Airport.

**10. Adjourned** at 2:05 PM.

Next meeting is in Easton and are planning to have new photographs of members taken for website.