

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 5, 2012**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on April 5, 2012, beginning at 1 PM at the Norton Town Hall Selectmen's Office, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; John H. Fresh, Jr., Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; Edward Tartufo, Mansfield; David Masciarelli, Sharon; Jonathan Rowe, Norton; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton.

Guests: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

1. **Call to Order** - Wayne Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
2. **Review Minutes of March 1, 2012** - Fresh/Fowler moved to accept the minutes of March 1, 2012 with the following correction: Item #3, second line should read "Easton/Norton" not "Mansfield/Norton." Voted.
3. **Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - Carlino: still trying to find a way to preserve the Erikson property; such a purchase could link a massive chunk from Lincoln Street to Bay Road. Flynn: there are things happening – not to fruition.
4. **MassDOT Snow & Ice Control Program 2012 Environmental Status and Planning Draft Report Discussion** – Southworth: received the above printed report as we are on the mailing list due to our comments in 2006; it is an in depth report on snow and ice activities statewide; statewide usage in 2011 is much lower; of our five communities, Norton is the one this report affects.

Discussion: only had two storms in 2011; Carlino – gave comments the last time in 2006; asking for a couple of things this year– reinstitute good housekeeping measures, add certain portions of state roads within the Canoe River Area of Critical Concern as Reduced Salt Zone, investigate the amount of de-icing materials discharging to the Canoe River, Norton Reservoir and Wading River, provide water quality treatment of storm water for all roadway runoff discharging to a wetland within the Canoe River watershed and provide more details on the "bridging washing program"; looking at the report, it is a tremendous improvement of what we have seen in the past; sounds like they are willing to discuss concerns; perhaps our committee should endorse this letter. Fowler/Flynn moved to endorse Jennifer Carlino's letter, dated April 4, 2012. VOTED

5. **Annual Canoe River Aquifer Awareness Day April 28, 2012 at the Easton Water Division Open House** - Southworth: this will be the 125th anniversary of Easton waterworks; John Fresh has prepared a program and Adrienne Edwards has prepared a bulletin; the CRAAC will have a booth there; there will be a poster contest; understand that John Fresh will be cooking lunch for us; the Tree Division will be celebrating Arbor Day and will handout small trees; Edwards gave a brief review of the Green Committee (established to help educate the Town of Easton on clean energy options and measures including energy

efficiency and renewable energy); Carlino had a surprise – have the logo for the t-shirt but could not get the machine to work.

6. Discuss Program for CRAAC's 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012 – Speaker, Dave Terry, Director of the DEP Water Supply Division - Southworth: Dave Terry is retiring and will be out of the state on that day; he can no longer be our speaker; we are back looking for a speaker again. Suggestions were made for contacts to be tried for next meeting; still have some time; at the last meeting John Fresh noted we received a \$1,000.00 donation; have gone back and forth on alcoholic beverages as we will need a one day liquor license, insurance and bartender – consensus was to take liquor off the table; Fresh brought some discs on the 20th anniversary; Carlino presented a zip drive with information and photographs; what about a caterer coming in which would be licensed in Sharon; Fresh asked if the committee had heard from the other two associations regarding our donation request – do not believe anything has come in.

7. Discuss Article at Mansfield Town Meeting Warrant Regarding Wetland Protection Bylaw - Flynn passed out the actual warrant article; noted the following concerns: wetlands inhibits flooding, improves the quality of water in the aquifer, bylaw is valuable for wetland, protects wetland and bordering high ground, gives us areas of passive recreation, all of Mansfield's water comes from wells; would like to get a vote supporting our opposition of this article; town meeting is April 24, 2012. Short discussion ensued.

Rowe/Carlino moved to send a letter stating we (CRAAC) have a concern, as a committee, the potential abolition of the bylaw without sufficient wetland protection could be damaging to the aquifer with a second sheet of the actual legislation creating the CRAAC. VOTED - 5-1-2 (Tartufo opposed; Masciarelli/Southworth abstaining).

8. Discuss Committee Goals – Southworth: asked Adrienne Edwards if she had heard about the possible grant and the answer was no (discussed same in previous meetings for creation of a kiosk); in our committee's directive it talks about water conservation; maybe we could partner with all the water departments as there is some grant money around for water conservation. Discussion: Masciarelli - Sharon has one grant with the Neponset watershed; will talk to and ask what the employee's role is and how they happened to get this grant; the committee needs to think if there is something we can do to promote all five water departments for education throughout the region.

9. Adjourn - Fresh/Masciarelli moved to adjourn. Voted.

Next meeting will be in Mansfield. We will have a gentleman talk to us about a Facebook page; as far Facebook opportunities, many towns have a Facebook page; one question is who will maintain it.

Fresh/Masciarelli moved to adjourned. VOTED Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM

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