

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – November 1, 2012**

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

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; Roger Hill, Foxborough; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Edward Tartufo, Mansfield; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Jonathan Rowe; Norton; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Frances Shirley, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guests: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

- 1. Call to Order** - Southworth called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
- 2. Review Minutes of October 4, 2012** - Boette/Flynn moved to accept the minutes of November 1, 2012. VOTED
- 3. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - Southworth noted that a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Kathy Romero. Carlino noted the Norton town meeting is this evening and the Erikson property off Bay Road is on the warrant.
- 4. Presentation on Economic Growth in the Region, Edward Tartufo** - Tartufo gave an overview of a portion of a presentation entitled "Welcome Business to the Tri-Town Area (Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton)" and how it relates to this committee past and currently. Highlights: history of growth, changes and decline; this location is at the crossroads of New England; area is close to two airports/major highways, public transportation, etc. Comments: you can see the growth and impact of the last twenty years; what is really important is to have proper planning and engineering; we seem to have more success doing this regionally; The Mansfield Trust has been working many years to preserve Great Woods and open space, have good water supplies which attracts people; a good example of regionalization is - if we had not formed this committee, where would we be.
- 5. Discussion Committee Goals** - Flynn comments: went back to the designation that formed this committee – we are not protecting the ecosystem of the river; have we done any testing; if not, it should be done; can we predict when we will outgrow our capacity to provide good water; develop a good annual testing of water at strategic locations along the river; estimate the maximum capacity of the Canoe River; do not feel comfortable that we have an adequate handle on this issue. Comments: Southworth - over the years we have, with a grant, done some testing; we are not doing anything now; some of the above is being done by the water departments which do projections of their water supply; the maximum number of gallons is estimated by population; bans have been imposed and we have seen reduction in usage; could seek out the projections of the five town's water; the cost to produce good quality water is passed onto the users; in the past 25 years, the safe water act has changed the quality of water; there has been a lot of discussion statewide on regulating treatment plants and use of that water; could one of the colleges do testing once a year as part of their program; think there are opportunities out there; the issues here may be good ones to contact Kathy Romero about.

The greenbelt has slowed down. What can we do to accelerate the program?

Meeting schedule: maybe consider every other month; if it fits with the goals, we should discuss it; currently skip July and then December; another suggestion – do not meet January, February or March; this should be an agenda item; there is nothing in our bylaws that we need to meet every month; think we could lessen the number of annual meetings, awareness day could be a meeting as well; bi-monthly with emergency meetings called by the chair.

6. Next Meeting to be held at Easton Water Division - Southworth asked Edwards if she could do something on the maps: sewer system in Mansfield, items on the greenbelt; could we have a big print out on the greenbelt that could show parcels to be acquired?

Carlino asked if the Facebook was done and noted the November agenda was not on same. Facebook is done.

7. Public Comment - none.

8. Adjourn - Masciarelli/Boette moved to adjourn. VOTED. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.