

**CANOE AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES - December 6, 2012**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on December 6, 2012 at the Easton Water Division, 417 Bay Road, South Easton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Jonathan Rowe, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guests: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist; John J. Marsh, Operation Manager, Easton Water Department; John Shannon, Facebook Creator/Coordinator.

- 1. Call to Order** - Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
- 2. Review Minutes of November 1, 2012** - Boette/Fresh moved to accept the minutes of November 1, 2012. VOTED
- 3. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - Carlino noted that the Town of Norton did not get the grant to purchase the Erikson property; will try again next year. Rowe noted that there is a parcel in the works.
- 4. Discuss MassDOT Snow and Ice Control Program Annual Report** - Short discussion regarding report and it was noted that it is good that the State has included us as a committee.
- 5. Website and Maps Update** - Edwards: as to the website, the Town of Easton is contemplating switching to a different form (considering a web-based GIS (versus single user desktop software), this is the current web browser; I recognize a new schedule is coming up; as far as content let me know what you would like to add; some pages could have a link on the Facebook page also. Marsh: believe this is all pre-paid – the name is there; would like to talk to Mike Deltano about this; the cost is next to nothing. Comments: where we are a regular group of five communities, might be better to stay the way we are; Marsh – thought we might be able to piggyback off Plymouth County; could we link our Facebook page with the Town of Easton; would photographs enhance the site (Shannon: yes).

Edwards: have put together a parcel map for each Town to look over and see if any parcels have been overlooked; the original data is a few years old now. The last thing I have is the Mansfield sewer data; received copies from their GIS manager. Comments: Southworth – could we add the sewer maps to our website (Edwards – this is not my data; would have to ask); Southworth to Boette – does Foxborough plan to expand sewer into Mansfield (Boette – this is in the discussion stages).

Southworth: This is good information to have; thanked Ms. Edwards for the information and keeping up the website; have some photographs I hope to put into an album of our events; also thanked Mr. Shannon for all his efforts.

**6. Annual Meeting Schedule Discussion** - Southworth: as everyone knows we have suspended the July meeting. Comments: four schedule options were given; the Awareness Day could be viewed as a meeting as well; can always call a special meeting when required.

Fresh/Masciarelli noted to accept the revised 2013 schedule to have our meetings on the even numbered months. VOTED

**7. Water Quality and Adequacy of the Aquifer** – Southworth: this was brought up at our last meeting; spoke with Kathy Romero and she had ideas of the possibility of looking for some grants; some water testing is currently being done; thought we should invite the Water Superintendents of each community in the CRAAC to our meeting to find out what they are doing for testing; we do need to talk about the safe water drinking act; another thing that has been ongoing is the stormwater management program which tests the outfall - that is another source that could provide us with information as well.

**8. 2013 Canoe River Awareness Day** - Southworth: we try to use this meeting as an outreach to the public; suggestion was made to partner with the free fishing weekend; canoes and/or fishing are popular; another is hiking; need some activity that connects you with the river; in the Wheaton Farm area, there are no restrooms facilities. Suggestions: go back to Mansfield and utilize canoes or hike around Wheaton Farm. Southworth: will send an email to Mr. Tartufo to see if the Mansfield Club is available for May 18<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

**9. Discuss Committee Goals** - Additional Suggestions: to stimulate continued interest send out an annual postcard with picture and caption “do you know where this was taken?”; put website on card; the postcard could have five photographs - one for each one of the towns; might be able to tie that in with the Awareness Day.

**10. Next Meeting at Sharon Community Center** - Masciarelli to arrange meeting on February 7, 2013.

**11. Public Comment** - There are two vacancies in Mansfield and two in Sharon.

**12. Adjourn** - Fresh/Boette moved to adjourn. VOTED

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.