

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

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MINUTES Thursday, June 5, 2014 Mansfield Town Offices, Room 2A-B 6 Park Row Mansfield, MA 1:00 pm

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Attendance: Wayne Southworth (Easton), Jenn Carlino (Norton), Frances Shirley (Norton), John Fresh Jr (Easton), Dave Masciarelli (Sharon), Bob Boette (Foxboro), John Shannon (Mansfield) and Ed Tartufo (Mansfield)

Also in attendance was Katelyn Merrill (Mansfield Conservation Agent).

- **2. Review Minutes of April 3, 2014** *Minutes were accepted in a motion by Bob Boette, seconded by Frances Shirley, Approved.*
- 3. Katelyn Merrill, Mansfield Conservation and Environmental Planner—Update on Current Activities—Katelyn introduced herself as the new Mansfield Conservation and Environmental Planner. She was the planner in Eastham, worked for private consulting firms and is now back in municipal government. She is familiar with Sole Source aquifers and the interconnections between the town and the aquifer. She's been in the position for 1 year as a part-time employee and still learning the town. Her biggest project is updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The OSRP helps with grants, guides the town with open space and natural resource goals. The plan needed to be completely redone and has a lot of room for growth. The Conservation Commission is usually too busy with wetland permitting to include open space or land management. She would like to start an open space committee to help write the OSRP. She applied for and received a grant through Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for technical assistance on the open space survey. She hasn't received much community feedback yet. CRAAC is mentioned in the OSRP and she would like

some help updating those sections and including CRAAC goals. Southworth explained CRAAC history, purpose and the importance of working together. Updates include the website and Shannon's Facebook work. Carlino offered to send what Norton has for CRAAC in its OSRP.

- **4. Recap -2014 DEP Drinking Water Awards Day** Masciarelli received an award as well as the Town of Easton. It was well attended in Sharon, instead of Boston. There was good networking for CRAAC with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CRAAC had a table at the event. There are over 1400 water suppliers in MA and over 150 were in attendance with 30+ awards.
- **5. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update** *Carlino updated the committee on the progress with the purchase of the Erikson property. The closing is this month.*
- 6. Recap-2014 Awareness Day in Conjunction with the Foxborough Water Department Open House at the Oak Street Treatment Facility Saturday, May 10, 2014 10am Noon Members discussed the location and the good attendance at the new facility. All noted it was loud inside the building but we had nice weather and a fun time networking.

7. Discuss Committee Goals

- 1. Grant: Shannon proposed submitting a grant application to NEWEA for \$1500 for storm drain stenciling projects in the watershed. The deadline is soon but Shannon would draft and Carlino/Merrill would edit/review.
- 2. Changing legislation: Tartufo contacted Representative Jay Barrows regarding changing CRAAC legislation. It was suggested it could be addressed in the next session. Southworth would contact Joyce.
- 3. This is Ed Tartufo's last meeting. He is not seeking re-appointment. Southworth expressed his heartfelt appreciation for Tartufo's work and involvement in the committee as well as his friendship. All agreed and are proud of Tartufo's 27 years of service and accomplishments. We had cupcakes. Southworth presented Tartufo with a plaque and Carlino presented a framed photograph of the Canoe River south of the Newland Street bridge in Norton.

8. Next Meeting in Easton

9. Public Comment

Boette mentioned that the Barbato property was before Foxboro again but as a cluster or open space residential design. The property has been before the committee previously.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2pm, motion by Fresh, seconded by Boette, approved.