

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – February 5, 2015**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on February 5, 2015, beginning at 1 PM in the Norton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office, 70 Main Street, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Robert Worthley, Foxboro. John Shannon, Mansfield, Jenn Carlino, Norton; Linda S. Kollett, Norton; Frances Shirley, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guests: Lee Azinheira, Mansfield DPW Director; Mark Cook, Mansfield Highway Manager.

1. Call to Order - Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM and introduced our new member from Norton, Linda Kollett, who is a resident of Norton, retired biologist and member of the Land Trust. Members introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their interests as they apply to the CRRAC.

2. Review Minutes of December 4, 2014 - Fowler/Shannon moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2014. VOTED

For the record, it was noted there are no minutes for the posted agenda of October 4, 2014 as a quorum was not present.

3. Lee Azinheira, Mansfield DPW Director & Mark Cook, Mansfield Highway Manager – re: Proposed Construction of New Highway Garage & Public Safety Building - trying to circle around to all the groups; wanted to make sure this committee was aware that we are looking at actually putting a public safety facility in the area of the existing DPW site on Route 106, referred to "Plan 2 Concept Plan" which showed the proposed facility.

Discussion: seems it would be an improvement to what you have; what about the salt source shed (it would be across the street at the foot of the landfill; probably would use the Spruce Street site as a back up; new salt shed would be built to a different standard); this makes a lot of sense for the Town of Mansfield, the proposed site is further away from the Canoe River and with the storm water regulations, the hazards are minimal; what about the square footage of the building (3 1/3 times our current garage, only about 6 vehicles will be parked outside).

Southworth: thanked them for coming in and being pro active.

4. 2015 Annual Awareness Day – Discussion with Bernie Marshall, Norton Water & Sewer Superintendent re: Joint Awareness Day Event - Mr. Marshall could not make today's meeting. Carlino – archeological lab would do a walk with us; Shirley – the Historical Society has a case they would like to bring to the event, will contact them and ask about the historical significance of the area.; Southworth – coordinated joint event with the Water Department, need to get a date set, definitely need the date by April (agreed on May 2, 2015 from 10 AM to Noon).

5. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update – Southworth asked if anything was new with the property on Red Mill Road. Issues pending: the town of Norton permanently closed Red Mill Road; a land survey is proposed to break a piece into two lots; Land Preservation and the Town do not have the funds to purchase it; there is no movement about doing something with the land; it was noted

that in the past there have been land court issues - plus legal costs that ran more than the purchase cost; back taxes.

Kollett: Land Preservation had applied to see if there are any monies to study the dam at Red Mill Road – there was no money; but someone came in October and looked at it, on February 3rd we received a 23 page report: basically in the past the Canoe River had been diverted and it should be placed back into the original channel; was told it was a very easy project and it should cost a little over one million. Southworth: will print it, read it and place same in our minutes.

6. Article – Challenges and Resolutions – Building Coalition of Partners Through Intermunicipal Relationships - This article was written by myself 20 years ago; it highlights our organization and history; it might be useful when writing grants.

7. Discuss Committee Goals - Southworth: have not had an opportunity to reach out to our state representatives; the annual report was sent out to the press; did received an email from Kathy Romero about a “woods seminar” – not sure we are ready to tackle something like that.

8. Next Meeting at Mansfield Town Hall – John Shannon to make a reservation.

9. Public Comment – None.

10. Adjourn - Fowler/Shirley moved to adjourn. VOTED. Meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM