

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on December 1, 2016 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Town Offices, MBC Room, 6 Park Row, Mansfield, MA

Committee member attendance: Wayne Southworth, Dave Masciarelli, Kurt Gaffney, Aaron Roth, John Fresh Jr., Bob Boette, Joan Sozio and Jennifer Carlino

Others in attendance: Peter Wiggins, Bill Napolitano

Call to Order *Southworth called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.*

Review Minutes of October 6, 2016 *Motion made by Fresh, seconded by Boette to accept the minutes. Approved. Carlino abstained.*

Kurt Gaffney, Mansfield Water Operations Manager-Update on Mansfield's Water Supply *Gaffney has been at this job for 18 years. Last year they pumped 623,000 million gallons of water. There are 9 wells, 5 are in Canoe River basin. He did not observe a drop in water levels in the wells last year during the drought. Mansfield has annual water use restrictions beginning in May. There are not many private wells. Received a letter from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stating that they would not be reducing the drought status, which is currently at Phase IV-basically only allowing vegetable garden watering. Water ban can hurt the water dept budget. Has iron and manganese issue with one of the wells. Is approximately 58 gallons/person.*

The Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN) *Bill Napolitano presented the RTWN program to develop a curriculum for healthy communities with a grant from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is a collaboration of 18 different groups to promote more resilient communities. Offer assistance with open space plans, master plans, and zoning bylaws. They are looking to create a certificate program with the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. Planning first pilot program with CRAAC and area towns for January 2017. Potential dates include Jan. 13 and 27 or Jan. 20 and Feb 3. Class should contain a few 90 minute sessions from 9am-1pm at Norton Public Library. Motion made by Boette, seconded by Sozio to support initiative. Approved.*

Action items:

- *Southworth to provide Napolitano with CRAAC email list*
- *Napolitano to check with Audubon re: water dept CEUs*
- *Fresh to ask Plymouth County Waterworks about CEUs*

Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update *no updates at this time*

ACEC State Approved Resource Management Plan *Michael Schmidt, intern, has completed his internship from Wheaton College. Carlino hasn't had the time to continue working on this project yet. Another intern may be used to complete the Plan.*

Plan for 2017 30th Anniversary Celebration – Plymouth County Water Works Association Donation Acceptance *Southworth acknowledges this is not only an*

opportunity for celebration but a way to publicize CRAAC goals. Motion was made by Sozio, seconded by Fresh to hold a luncheon. Approved. Potential dates Wednesday May 3, 10 or 17, 2017. Event to be held from 11am-1pm. Speakers could include senators and representatives, Bill Napolitano. May be another speaker but shouldn't take more than ½ hr for all speakers. Program to include short history, recognition of members, and speakers. Instead of giving paper certificates, Southworth would like to give 5 x 7" photographs with thank you note inside. Members agree this would be nicer. Chateau restaurant in Norton likely location. Southworth to work with them on dates/meal. Requires \$200.00 deposit.

Action items:

- *Carlino to look at photographs and price 5 x 7 cards*
- *Boette to assist Southworth with food options*
- *Sozio to assist with displays*
- *Roth to assist Southworth with program*
- *Everyone to think of other speakers*
- *All action items to be completed by Feb mtg.*

Logo Redesign – John Shannon *Shannon not available for meeting since he is overseas. Keep on agenda for next meeting.*

Discuss Committee Goals *no new additions to the goals.*

The next meeting will be held in Easton.

1. **Public Comment** *Wiggins announced he reposted an article from 1987 announcing the formation of CRAAC.*
2. **Adjourn** *Motion was made by Boette, seconded by Masciarelli to adjourn at 2:30pm.*