

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on August 3, 2017 beginning at 1 PM at the Norton Selectmen's Office, 70 Main Street, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Aaron Roth, Mansfield; Norton, Frances Shirley, Norton; Bernie Marshall, Norton; Kurt Gaffney, Mansfield

Guests: Peters J. Wiggins, Peter Channel; Kathy Ebert-Zawasky, Land Preservation Society (LPS) of Norton

1. Call to Order - Southworth called the meeting to order.

2. Review Minutes of June 1, 2017 - Boette/Marshall moved to accept the minutes of June 1, 2017 with a minor change. VOTED as amended. (Change into Lake Mirimichi to out of)

3. Kathy Zawasky, President of the Land Preservation Society of Norton

Kathy felt that it was a good idea to meet with our committee due to all their land holdings along the Canoe River on Red Mill Road in Norton. She presented the committee with a copy of a letter from the Division of Ecological Restoration denying their project for funding to clean up lands along the Canoe River. Kathy spoke about their sign project and brought in two signs, a welcome sign and a regulation sign that they will be putting on 12 properties.

Kurt Gaffney spoke about challenges he received from placing similar signs on Municipal property in Mansfield. Kathy told us about an incident when they were working in the Red Mill Road area and a all terrain vehicle was in the area tearing up some of their trails. Their group called the environmental police who responded soon after but was not able to find the person who had done the damage although they were very appreciative of the effort. Kathy responded to several questions from our committee stating that the Norton LPS owns 1,050 acres has 21 Board Members and 200 Society Members. Several questions regarding wildlife on LPS parcels. Francis Shirley spoke about the Blanding turtle being on their property.

4. Mansfield Family Fun Night

Aaron Roth had partnered with the Mansfield NRT and exhibited some of our maps and photos. He stated that the event went well with a great deal of interest in our map of the Canoe River.

5. Deer Hill Development – Foxboro

Bob Boette spoke about the proposed 13 lot subdivision that is now before the Dedham Superior Court and the Judge has taken it under advisement.

6. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update

Bob Boette asked about the Houghton Farm Property in Norton. Bernie Marshall stated that it had been sold.

7. Logo Redesign – John Shannon

Wayne Southworth noted that we would keep this item on hold until John Shannon returns from his assignment at the Mosul Dam in Iraq.

8. 2018 CRAAC Awareness Day

Wayne Southworth asked that the Committee members to think about possible ideas and venues for this event.

9. Membership Discussion - none**10. Discuss Committee Goals - none**

11. Next Meeting in Mansfield on October 5, 2017 at the Mansfield Water Department Office
500 B East Street

12. Public Comment – none

13. Adjourn - Boette/Shirley moved to adjourn. VOTED. Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM.