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**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – October 5, 2017**

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Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on October 5, 2017 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Water Department Office, 500 B East Street, Mansfield, MA.

**Members present:** Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Aaron Roth, Mansfield; Norton, Frances Shirley, Norton; Linda Kollett, Norton; Bernie Marshall, Norton; Kurt Gaffney, Mansfield; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon

**Guests:** Lou Andrews, President of the Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield; Peters J. Wiggins, Peter Channel; Ed Tartufu

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

**2. Review Minutes of August 3, 2017** - Boette/Shirley moved to accept the minutes of August 3, 2017. VOTED.

**3. Update – Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield – Lou Andrews President**

Lou Andrews gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the CRAAC Greenbelt in Mansfield, north of East Street showing the trail map entrance on Maple Street. Going south on East Street is the Mary and Lenny Flint Greenbelt. He spoke of the Flint Farm Property and the Gonsalves Campgrounds which are in Chapter 61 Agricultural Land status. The NRT was formed in 1971 and they have between 35 – 40 dues paying members. The NRT owns 425 acres of land and there are 425 acres in Conservation Restrictions. Their goals are to maintain their existing property by maintaining trails and signage; they have built boardwalks and bridges and they fund a \$1,000 scholarship for a student entering into environmental field studies; provide grants to the local library; work with the Scouts and participate in the Mansfield Family Fun Night. Boette questioned the width of the boardwalks and Andrews responded 32-36". Kollett asked about the NRT's sources of funding. Andrews spoke of grants, fundraising and donations.

**4. Norton Business Park – Leonard Street, Norton**

Norton Water Superintendent Bernie Marshall spoke about the proposed development by Condyne and reported that Condyne has developed land in both the Taunton and Norton Industrial Parks. He spoke of the value of this property and protecting the Canoe River Aquifer as well as the historical significance of this area as it pertains to Native Americans. Marshall continues to work with the Norton Conservation Agent Jen Carlino and The Director of Planning & Economic Development Tabitha Harkin on this project.

**6. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update'**

There were no updates on this issue.

**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**

There was a discussion about partnering with LL Bean and the use of their canoes/kayaks as a possibility for the Awareness Day. Linda Kollett spoke about the Norton Kayak Company on the Norton Reservoir as another option for the Committee to consider. Ed Tartufu spoke about the owner of property on the Norton Reservoir which may allow the committee access to the reservoir. Wayne Southworth offered to reach out and contact LL Bean.

**9. Committee Goals**

There was no discussion on this topic.

**10. Membership Discussion**

Wayne asked Bernie Marshall about the rusty water complaints in Norton. Marshall stated that this was due to the routine system flushing and that this issue is no different than other years other than the flurry of social media discussions. Linda Kollett of Norton responded that some of the issue was there are no local newspapers in Norton and that social media has become the way of communicating. The Committee discussed how they try and reach out to consumers within their own communities. Kurt Gafney from Mansfield stated that they have created a master email list that they have used for flushing and broken water main issues. Wayne Southworth made note of the Town Crier that Easton uses to communicate information and residents can choose to sign up for this email publication. Marshall stated that funding is in place for a new treatment plan in Norton .

Wayne Southworth spoke of John Fresh' upcoming retirement from Easton as Water Systems Supervisor and his 39 years of service to the community.

Wayne Southworth also mentioned the 51 years of continuous service by Kurt Gafney to the water works field. Kurt Gafney noted that he hopes to continue to serve for several more years. Kurt Gafney offered a tour to all members present of the Water Treatment Plant in Mansfield.

**11. Next Meeting** in Easton on December 7, 2017 at the Colleen A. Corona Board Room, 136 Elm Street.

**12. Public Comment** – none

**13. Adjourn** - Boette/Shirley moved to adjourn. VOTED. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.