

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – October 6, 2011**

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Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2011 beginning at 1 PM at the Foxborough Public Safety Building Conference Room, 8 Chestnut St. Foxborough, MA

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr, Easton; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon; Frances Shirley, Norton; Jon Rowe, Norton; Jennifer Carlino, Norton.

Guest: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

1. **Call to Order** - Wayne Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM and apologized for the last meeting which was canceled due to hurricane Irene – could not get all the agendas posted on time.
2. **Review Minutes of August 4, 2011** – Masciarelli/Shirley moved to approve.
VOTED
3. **Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - no activity at the moment. Flynn noted there is self help and aquifer money available.
4. **CRAAC Educational Outreach Kiosk Discussion** - Edwards gave us an overview of her debriefing which will help any application in the future. A short discussion ensued. Highlights: need to bring out more specific environmental issues including things on the watershed and pollution; who is the target user; develop different web material; have a note on the timeframe; locations of kiosk; how many people can we reach; develop a survey mechanism as part of the measurable results; how to gauge the knowledge – ex: pre/post test; we are on the email for the next round (probably in the spring) ; first thought was to have the kiosk at the town offices and libraries – there might be opportunities to place it in other areas (ex: ecological courses in the high school or special events); need to think about what is going to be on the kiosk, links to websites; the kiosk we are really thinking about is a computer. Consensus was to apply again.
5. **Family Conservation Fair – NRT of Mansfield October 1, 2011** - Flynn: event was very well attended considering the weather and was worthwhile.
6. **Proposed AT &T Cell Tower Within 400 Feet of Sharon's Well #6** - Southworth: this came to our committee from a Sharon resident wanting us to oppose same. Masciarelli: as far as the Water Department is concerned, it has to be outside the 400' radius but we have not seen a map; will present report in the future. A question was asked if Article 97 applies.

7. **Discuss the Program for CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012** - Southworth: have not had a reply to our letter to Mr. Keating asking him to be our speaker, need an answer before we can proceed (Tartufo will try and make contact); at our next meeting will have to make a decision on a key speaker (suggestions: Bill Vernon is around and he filed the legislation that formed this committee; why not try the Governor); Rowe left a brochure on Roche Catering; have had no luck in securing funding; Plymouth County Water Works Association to be contacted.

8. **Beaumont Pond Update** - Flynn: have not heard a word; attended the hearing; the Beaumont Association said it is being invaded by an invasive species; want to remove same with chemical(s), which is required every year; should be removed mechanically; there are only eight houses directly on the pond who feel they want it for recreational purposes; the State wants to have 'mill' dams removed throughout state; the Beaumont Pond Association owns it and they do not have the money to repair same. Discussion: in all the information received to date, there is no conclusion on action to be taken; the Mansfield Town Engineering department is keeping track of this.

9. **Adjourn** - O'Donnell/Rowe moved to adjourn at 1:45 PM. VOTED

Next meeting is November 3, 2011 in Norton MA