

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – June 6, 2013**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on June 6, 2013, beginning at 1 PM in the Norton Town Hall Selectmen's Office, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Joan Sozio, Foxborough; Jonathan Rowe; Norton; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Frances Shirley, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon; Edward Tartufo, Mansfield.

Guests: Bernie Marshall, Water Superintendent, Norton; Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

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

2. Review Minutes of April 4, 2013 - Fowler/Tartufo moved to accept the minutes of April 4, 2013 with spelling correction of Erikson. VOTED

3. Norton Water Quality and Adequacy Update – Luke Grant of Norton Water and Sewer Commission – It was noted that Mr. Grant was asked to be here; in the meantime Bernie Marshall has been appointed the Water Superintendent. Southworth explained the formation of this committee which is reaching out to the water suppliers to get updates of each community. Marshall noted it was to be a short presentation as he has thirteen days on the job. Highlights: the department has finished its spring flushing which took approximately 8 weeks; the night flushing operations were Sunday through Thursday; wells 6 and 4 will be taken off line to have them cleaned and re-habilitated; currently looking forward to the second phase of the design of the Iron/Manganese treatment facility; anticipated pursuing SRF funding this fall; on the agenda in the near future is a possible water main replacement in the Elm, Reservoir and Cross Streets area of town/preliminary discussion is ongoing; Norton's distribution System map has been updated – shows all water mains that have been replaced to date; have scheduled the Center Street tank to be cleaned within a few weeks time; implementing a Community Outreach Program designed to educate its customers in the basic education of water conservation and awareness.

Comments: Boette – Foxborough is in the process of installing a treatment plant, why not piggy back on our plan (Marshall explained why); Sozio – what about the sewer situation (The Board is working with Foxborough/Mansfield and are close to an agreement); Shirley – what is the next plan for expanding the sewer system (Marshall: not 100% sure there is a plan to expand; I know a 40B is coming into Town; developer came in looking to tie into the system); Southworth – as far as the water quality, is manganese the biggest issue (Marshall: think manganese is the worst problem); Southworth – Norton had an agreement with Aquaria (the de-salting plant) to provide water to Brockton, thought there was a plan to extend the line to Norton (Marshall: do not believe that came to fruition; Tartufo: I think there were two issues – money and getting same installed along Route 495).

Southworth thanked Mr. Marshall for coming.

4. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update: Carlino: going to try again for Suzanne Erikson property and a land grant; would like a letter of support. Tartufo/Boette moved to send a letter of support. VOTED

Rowe mentioned that the Norton Land Preservation was getting an agreement; now have the deed for 25 acres; donated from the Nason family. Question: do you have a plan for it. Rowe: will bring it to the next meeting; there will be public access off of South Washington; will be working with the donors to put a sign up; area is very pretty with lots of trails for walking.

5. Recap 2013 Canoe River Awareness Day at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club on May 18, 2013 - Southworth: have a photograph album that we can continue to add to; thought the day went very well; had a good turn out; Greg Cauldwell gave a brief presentation of the Mansfield Fish and Game Club; we were able to have some displays; a few people went out in the canoes; in the center of Mansfield, it is hard to believe it is there; refreshments were provided through the money from the Plymouth Water Works presented to us; want to thank John Fresh and the Plymouth Water Works; thanked all the members that attended; need to think about what we might like to do next year in partner with someone; we have tried many different outreach venues; it is always going to be a problem. Sozio noted the Oak Street treatment plant would be open by then; even though it is not in the aquifer.

6. Norton Founder's Day Picnic on June 22, 2013 - Carlino: time is 5-9 PM; there will be fireworks; Conservation Commission will have a table; location is behind the Yelle Elementary School, West Main Street (Rte. 123), Norton. Southworth: could we put some flyers on your table (Carlino: yes); Sozio noted Foxborough's day is this Saturday right on South Street in the AM; there is a parade, booths in the playground, a band, dog agility and fireworks at dusk.

7. Discuss Committee Goals - Southworth: this year we are reaching out to the water suppliers; asked if Kurt Gaffney could attend the August 1st meeting; this committee has had some things hanging; trying to reach out to scouts; have not had much luck.

8. Next Meeting at Mansfield Town Hall Meeting Room - confirmed.

12. Public Comment - None.

13. Adjourn - Boette/Francis moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM