

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 3, 2014**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on April 3, 2014, beginning at 1 PM in the Norton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office, 70 Main Street, Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; Jonathan Rowe, Norton; Jenn Carlino, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Joan Sozio, Foxborough; Robert Boette, Foxborough.

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

2. Review Minutes of February 6, 2014 - Fowler/Carlino moved to accept the minutes of February 6, 2014 as corrected. VOTED (Item III 2nd to last line take out word "Browning"; Item V take out "for land along the Three Mile River.")

3. Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent – Update on Current Activities - this spring there has been cutting done in the wetlands, placement of leaves; lots of violations; Norton is 40% wetlands – the 40% includes water bodies; just had two more 40B's filed in the aquifer, both apartment buildings – one with 200 units; there is a lot of open space projects we are working on – two have grants (Erikson on Bay Road which we are drafting signage and a baseline inventory biodiversity and Crane Farm Preserve - 31 acres in four different parcels, along the Three Mile River). The Reillys have another 50 acres associated with the farm - they may do an agriculture protection; inspection other LWCF land on Canoe River Greenbelt and Johnson Acres, there is a vernal pool event on April 12th at Johnson Woods; also work with the Eco-science Club each month; involved with the Conservation Land Stewards and the Open Space Committee who do events from March to December (hikes, canoe trips, trail maintenance, kiosk, benches); the Rail Trail Committee has started – trying to extend the trail through Norton; there is a Water Bodies Committee; there are two dams Norton has to maintain; during vernal pool season do salamander and frog searches, vernal pool certification and spotted turtle monitoring projects; forestry projects in Lincoln Woods and the Town Forest; there is no shortage of fun projects to do; Norton acquired another 50 acres between Cranberry Lane Easton and Norton.

Discussion: do you have much development starting? (no, except for the 2 40Bs have small stuff – expect it to increase). It was also noted that Ms. Carlino is on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and the Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals and volunteers with the New England Wildflower Society and the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program; also noted was her interest in photography.

Southworth noted in two months the CRAAC meeting will be in Mansfield; Leonard Flynn will speak to the Conservation Agent to ask her to speak to us on June 5, 2014 and thanked Jenn Carlino for her update and what she has done for this committee.

4. 2012 DEP Drinking Water Awards Day – Tuesday May 6 at the Sharon Community Center - Southworth noted this is held annually; for many years was held in the State House in Boston; this year the Town of Sharon is hosting; usually lunch is provided; thinks we should have a presence there like a banner. David Masciarelli to check with host committee. Sozio: if this works out, we could bring the map over and from there take it to the Foxboro Open House.

5. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update: Flynn: were deeded 17 acres on Weir Street and another parcel of 19 acres on the Bike Path; have two parcels on the Wading River which we should be voting on within a couple of months and then two parcels on Lincoln Street; no luck on the Canoe River.

6. 2014 Awareness Day in Conjunction with the Foxborough Water Department Open House at the Oak Street Treatment Facility – Saturday, May 10, 2012 10AM – Noon

Boette : need a note and signage that the activity is on Lamson Street (perhaps some balloons); will send brochure out to our email list, newspapers, libraries and town halls; will have available the CRAAC brochures along with other literature.

7. Discuss Committee Goals - Southworth: a thought I had recently is that an important key to our committee is the water supplies of the five towns; in order to keep this committee moving, it might be a good to have the water superintendent in each Town be part of this committee; how can we be ensured this committee will go on; perhaps we could think of changing the legislation and have one of the appointments be the head of Water Department in each Town.

Discussion: all agreed; it is a key ingredient. Tartufo/Carlino moved to change the Committee's legislation to have a member of this committee be appointed by the Selectmen from each Town's Water Department head. Unanimous VOTE.

11. Next Meeting at Mansfield Town Hall – Tartufo will book room.

12. Public Comment - Tartufo noted he did not put his name in for re-appointment; this to be his last meeting, has been a member for 27 years. The Committee thanked him for all he has done for us and the friendship(s) that were established and what was done. Everyone wished him the best.

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