

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on February 4, 2016 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Town Offices, Room 3 A/B, 6 Park Row, Mansfield, MA.

**Members present:** Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Joan Sozio, Foxborough; John Shannon, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Frances Shirley, Norton, Linda Kollett, Norton.

**Guests:** Kathy Romero and Bruce Bouck, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; Arthur Reynolds, Foxborough, Peter J. Wiggins, News around Norton MA.

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

**2. Review Minutes of December 3, 2015** - Carlino/Shannon moved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2015 with two minor changes. VOTED (Changes: page 1-1<sup>st</sup> paragraph room location of meeting; Item #3, last line reverse last two words to read “regulatory difference”.)

**3. Kathy Romero and Bruce Bouck, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

Committee members introduced themselves to their guests.

Romero: explained her position and duties in water supply protection; have worked with Conservation Commissions and garden clubs; lucky to have the Safe Water Act Assessment Program; due to an early retirement incentive last year, are down people; but this has not stopped them from supporting water systems; reviewed the ‘MassDEP Drinking Water Program Outreach and Training for Public Water Suppliers’ that included contact information on “View New Drinking Water Program Training Videos”; “Subscribe to the Drinking Water Program Training Calendar”; “Receive Emails from the Program Director”; and “Contact the Drinking Water Program”; showed us a “Priority Resource Management Map” for our towns which included much resource information (ex: flood plain, wetlands); noted this map would be of use in preparing the Canoe River ACEC management plan; put together a video to show what a water supply plan should show. Other information Ms. Romero handed out was pamphlets on “Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment Program” and “The Value of Public Drinking Water” and a sheet entitled “Protect Local Drinking Water: Pick Up Your Dog’s Waste”. Southworth inquired if this page was available in bulk. It is and Romero gave us some to be distributed to the Town Clerks in each of the Canoe River ACEC towns; will also ship additional copies to us.

Bouck, a hydrologist spoke about the well driver’s underground project program and noted his department deals with all the regional offices in DEP. The main thing is that we are able to locate and identify all the well locations (electronically) right now; want to make sure wells are installed properly, abandoned properly and there is no contamination; over the last six years 90,000 wells have been put into a computer program. Bouck showed the group how to get into the program. (Under ‘search’ put in: MDEP; then type in: Well Drillers; then go to: Well Drillers Program.) This program is for any well in the state; keep trying to

advance the program; trying to catch well drillers not registered by the state; think this information is important to your organization.

Discussion: this type of information has been invaluable to us when looking for wells in the past (ex: reconnaissance to determine where we were going to drill).

Bouck: another thing we are asked to do is to go out and redo the Zone A maps.

**4. Legislation Update** – do not have anything to update; since nothing was approved last year, we may have to re-file.

**5. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update** – nothing right now.

**6. ACEC State Approved Resource Management Plan** - Carlino noted that she has an intern who can work on the plan; Southworth to invite Stephanie Danielson of Easton to our next meeting who may have some input on this; noted that Easton has the ACEC and Sole Source Aquifer Applications along with the IEP reports the intern could look at; Leon Scott is the new GIS employee in Easton; also plan to reach out to the Conservation Commission agents to seek their help

**7. Plan for 2016 Annual Awareness Day & 2017 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Carlino: as to a speaker for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have had one telephone conference and called again before this meeting and heard nothing, Southworth: to put a conference together for the May meeting and not having a confirmation is too unsure; asked Jack Marsh, Operations Manager, Easton Water Department if he could be our fallback at Easton's Water Department's open house and he said absolutely; after the last meeting reached out to the Chateau in Norton; no matter what we did in the past, we received funding but most of this has dried up; suggestions for other venues – the Queset House in Easton.

**8. Poster Contest Discussion** - Shirley: was interested in a poster contest and would be willing to supply a prize. Discussion: whom would it be offered to and how would we get the word out; do a poster contest in one town each year; start small; have the winner come to the Awareness Day and place all posters in the Town Hall(s) or library(s); have a first second and third prize; theme 'water protection', etc. To be placed on next agenda to finalize.

**9. Discuss Committee Goals** - state resource management plan; 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**10. Next Meeting in Easton** – Town Offices, 136 Elm Street.

**11. Public Comment** – None

**12. Adjourn** - French/Shannon moved to adjourn. VOTED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM VOTED