

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on April 7, 2016 beginning at 1 PM at the Easton Town Offices, Colleen A. Corona Meeting Room, 136 Elm Street, Easton, 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; Linda Kollett, Norton; Frances Shirley, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guests: Leon Scott, Easton GIS Manager; Stephanie Danielson, Easton Assistant Planning Director/Environmental Planner; Bernie Marshall, Norton Water.

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

2. Review Minutes of February 4, 2016 - Boette/Fresh voted to accept the minutes of February 4, 2016. VOTED

3. Leon Scott, Easton GIS Manager - Update

Southworth: wanted to introduce committee to you, explain how and why we were formed (our purpose is to protect the Canoe River water supply within the five towns along the river). Mr. Scott explained what he does and noted within the first quarter would like to have a public website.

4. Legislation Update – there is good news; Claire Cronin has informed me the legislation has passed the House of Representatives and moved on to the Senate; was optimistic this will moved forward. Boette: is there a time limit on the session. Southworth: apparently not; in the future would like to have Ms. Cronin come to a meeting so we can thank her.

5. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update - nothing at this time.

6. ACEC State Approved Resource Management Plan-Develop Intern Schedule
(Refer to item No. 7)

7. Discussion with Stephanie Danielson, Easton Assistant Planning Director/Environmental Planner

Southworth noted that agenda items 6 and 7 blend together. If we were able to move forward with the ACEC Management Plan, it would have to be passed in each town; developing the plan is a plus; Jenn Carlino is taking the lead don this.

Carlino: the intern is from Wheaton College; can do 20 hours a week starting on May 23rd; background of intern is biology, lab assistant; it is planned that he will come to the next two meetings.

Discussion: Danielson asking for a quick summary/Carlino explained; Danielson noted Easton has developed a high level management plan for certain areas in Easton and are in the process of updating Easton's open space plan plus just finished a management plan.

8. Plan for 2016 Annual Awareness Day & 2017 30th Anniversary – John Marsh, Operations Manager Easton Water Division, offered us a table at their open house on Saturday, April 30th from 10 to noon (side note: if the intern came to this, he could go over the library).

As to the 30th Anniversary; it was noted that the Queset House in Easton is not the best venue for such a large crowd. Southworth noted that perhaps The Chateau in Easton or the Sharon Community Center are good locations and as always – looking for someone to co-fund.

9. October 2, 2016 Environmental Protection Agency Workshop Discussion – Southworth: need to pick a date; October 6th is good and it also our meeting date; could have a very brief meeting and then use the hall for program; a good topic would be something partial to the water departments; would help if we could offer CEU's; could partner with the Plymouth County Water Works Association – would have to submit an information packet to them.

Discussion: last spring we had 35-40 people at such a program; beside this group and Plymouth County, who else would be coming (Southworth: would send notices to those on our mailing list); would need to know this year's count for refreshments; 2 hours is a good time period; if we put this together, we will partner with the EPA); need three speakers, 50 minutes each with 20 minute break(s); three topics (suggestions: stormwater, water conservation; have water superintendents talk); partner with the Plymouth County Water Works; time: 9-12; Fresh given permission to talk to the Plymouth County Water Works.

10. Poster Contest Discussion: need enough time between now and the June meeting to decide theme, size, medium, etc. - do not have it; could consider same for our 30th Anniversary; consensus was to table for now and discuss at a future meeting.

11. Discuss Committee Goals: received the information sheet on 'Protect Local Drinking Water: Pick Up Your Dog's Waste' from Kathy Romero; Shannon noted that the Mansfield NRT is going to have a table and will display the Canoe River Trail in Mansfield - going to send a letter to the NRT asking if anyone is interested in joining this committee; Steve Bishop, Water Superintendent in Mansfield is interested in serving as a Representative even though he lives in Norton; Kollett – Norton Rail Trail has money approved with a target date of 2019; this committee should re-introduce ourselves to each town's Selectmen, Town Managers, Senators and Representatives; should meet with each town's Conservation Commission to get their support for the new proposed ACEC State Resource Management Plan.

12. Next Meeting in Sharon

13. Public Comment – None

14. Adjourn - Fresh/Shannon moved to adjourn. VOTED. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.