

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on February 2, 2017 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; Aaron Roth, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton; David Masciarelli, Sharon.

**Guests:** Jack Marsh, Easton Water Operations Manager.

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

**2. Review Minutes of December 1, 2016** - Boette/Sozio voted to accept the minutes of December 1, 2016. VOTED

**3. Jack Marsh, Easton Water Operations Manager – Update on Easton's Water Supply**  
Mr. Marsh reviewed his power point presentation. Highlights: map of drought in Easton indicates we are in drought Stage #1; showed Easton's precipitation amounts for the last three years; 2016 climbing back up; showed #4 well's levels from 2014 to 2016; this drought has been a two year one; reviewed Mass DEP Phase 2 Restrictions which may stay in place into 2017. Water restrictions issue: angry customers, revenue goes down; have a great SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) program, which was started in 1994.

Another great invention that we have is 'smart metering', which is on the department's website. There are 1,000 customers in the system; right now there are 7,000 meters in town. The meter is powered by a 20-year battery and provides valuable information.

To recap last year, as serious as the drought was – and still is, we did really well.

Comments: Southworth: 50 years ago when we read meters, they were all in basements; the next version – meter was outside of house with a 10 year battery, then telephone use; then a drive by system which took 7-10 days to take all the readings; now it is instantaneous (Marsh: it still takes 24 hours); meter users might want to mention this system to their insurance carriers.

Mr. Marsh then surprised the committee with a film taken of a portion of the Canoe River with a drone, which was at 150 to 190 feet above the area.

**4. The Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN) – Training Sessions 1/27/17 & 2/3/17 at the Norton Library**

Southworth: the first session was last week; about 50 people attended; tomorrow is the second session; urge anyone to go, good connections, information, etc.

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

**6. ACEC State Approved Resource Management Plan** - nothing happening at this time.

**7. Plan for 2017 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – May 3, 2017 at the Chateau Restaurant, Norton**

Southworth: going thru past albums and photos to add to poster boards which will be at the event; there are three food choices; have sent out 'save the date' notices to legislators; will do the others later; attendees – about 120; passed out a sheet with all of our memories – please review and add to same (may not need it for this event, but it is important to save our memories); agenda in place; Claire Cronin has agreed to attend; updated our history and we might want to highlight what we have done (example: grants received over the years; education, etc.). A suggestion was made to have a 'drop box' available for any historical information; have the date with an 11 AM start; will do program first then enjoy the meal.

**8. Logo Redesign – John Shannon** – to be placed on a future agenda.

**9. Discuss Committee Goals** – have done that above with regards to getting our records together.

**10. Next Meeting in Sharon** - Masciarelli to setup.

**11. Public Comment** - Carlino noted that a folder was placed on her desk re Red Mill Road, Norton noting it was an accepted way; want to confirm same. Southworth: did some research and Town Counsel noted the road is still there and is it closed.

Fowler asked if an item could be placed on the next agenda regarding John E. Grant's interest in conserving land here in Easton, which includes areas within the Canoe River.

**12. Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.