



Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2007

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday March 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Foxborough Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Members Present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Leo Potter, Foxborough; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Suzanne Erikson, Norton; Susan Mims, Norton

Others Present: Tom Hunt, Foxboro

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Wayne Southworth.

II. Review Minutes of February 1, 2007

John Fresh, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes of February 1, 2007 as written. Bob Boette seconded the motion. The minutes of February 1, 2007 were unanimously accepted.

III. Open Space Update

Leonard Flynn recently sent a copy of an article to Canoe River abutters which outlined new tax incentives for land donations.

IV. Website

The website is up and running. Any member who has not forwarded biographical information is urged to do so. It was also noted that the website does not have a telephone number on it. This will be added. Jack Marsh has done an excellent job in putting this site together.

Jan Fowler is now an official member of the CRAAC. She was the secretary for Easton's Conservation Commission for 27-1/2 years. She has been instrumental in the design and maintenance of the xeriscape garden in Easton.

Jenn Carlino, Norton's Conservation Agent, is also an official member of the CRAAC, after being appointed to the committee by Norton's Selectmen. Prior to her appointment, Jenn was already an important contributor to the committee.

Both Sharon and Mansfield still need an additional member on the committee. Anyone interested in these vacancies should submit a letter of interest to their local Board of Selectmen.

V. 20th Anniversary Event – March 23, 2007

Planning of the event is running smoothly. A meeting was held on Tuesday to go over what still needs to be done. Maurice Goulet will be printing maps and a banner for the event. Jenn Carlino has scanned many photographs for an ongoing photo display. She is also preparing a poster with some of the photographs on it. Jack Marsh is preparing awards certificates. Joan Sozio and Ed Tartufo are presenting a brief history of the CRAAC that evening. Material will be set up the day before.

State Representatives have been contacted regarding preparation of a proclamation. Leonard Flynn has not heard back from Senator Timilty's office. Wayne Southworth said that he did receive a message from Senator Timilty's office, and he will follow up on this phone call. Ed Tartufo has already spoken with Rep. Barrows, and he is planning to coordinate with the other State officials. Wayne Southworth will send out a press release to the local newspapers. So far, there are 25 people who will be attending the event.

VI. Annual Awareness Day

The Annual Awareness Day is being planned for May 12, 2007 in Easton. The gate in Norton will be opened early to allow entrance. There will be a tour of Easton's new well and pump station, highlighting its new ultraviolet light disinfection process. Refreshments will be served.

VII. Other Business

Leonard Flynn brought a copy of an open space map, to be certain that all of the open space areas have been marked. Jenn Carlino will mark any new acquisitions in Norton. Leonard Flynn wondered if he had missed some acquisitions from Foxboro, but Bob Boette explained that there has been very little acquisition in Foxboro, except near Beaumont's Pond.

VIII. New Business

Bob Boette said that there are plans for a development along the Canoe River in Foxboro that will be presented to the Conservation Commission during their meeting on March 12, 2007.

The Town of Norton recently received a grant for evaluation of wildlife habitat. New equipment was purchased with the grant money, including a laptop, power point, a projector, a GPS system and two cameras. The Open Space Committee might want to take a look at the application that Jenn Carlino prepared for this grant, in order to apply for its own grant. Walks and canoe trips are being planned for the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation. Once dates are scheduled, they will be included in future CRAAC minutes.

The next meeting of the CRAAC will take place on April 5, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Norton Library.

IX. Meeting Adjourned – John Fresh, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Boette seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.