

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2009**

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held a meeting Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm at Easton Water Division, 417 Bay Road, South Easton, MA.

PRESENT: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; John H. Fresh, Jr., Easton; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Susan Mims, Norton; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Joan Sozio, Foxboro; Robert Boette, Foxboro; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon.

GUESTS: Adrienne Edwards, Town of Easton GIS Specialist; John D. Sullivan, Mansfield Town Engineer; Rick Alves, Mansfield Assistant Town Engineer; Beth Suedemeyer, Inland Coordinator, ACEC Program at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne P. Southworth at 1:00 PM.

II. Review Minutes of March 5, 2009

John Fresh motioned to accept the minutes of March 5, 2009. Bob Boette seconded the motion.

III. Open Space Map and Greenbelt Update

Leonard Flynn and Jennifer Carlino stated that there were no updates at this time. W. Southworth added that the Easton Conservation Commission purchased land across from New Pond on Foundry Street. This area will tie in with the Bay Circuit Trail.

IV. New CRAAC Brochure – Adrienne Edwards

The new brochure was distributed to members and guests. W. Southworth thanked CRAAC member Leo Potter of Mansfield for paying printing costs. He also expressed gratitude to Adrienne for her hard work in creating the new brochure and to CRAAC members for their input.

V. Dam Repair Project in Mansfield on the Canoe River at Mill Pond – John Sullivan and Rick Alves

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Alves presented an overview of the Mill Street campground dam repair project. R. Alves presented a map and photos of the immediate area of the dam and provided more details about the dam repair and the surrounding area. The order to repair the dam came from the state in February 2008, the work will start in June and the repair is expected to be finished by November 2009, depending on funding issues. J. Sullivan added that bids for the project are due by the end of April. W. Southworth stated that CRAAC will send a letter of support

for the project to the Mansfield Board of Selectmen, State Senators and Representatives, and Lt. Governor Tim Murray.

VI. Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Program Update – Beth Suedemeyer

Ms. Suedemeyer gave the Committee an overview of her department. She stated that since she receives CRAAC's agendas and minutes, she was eager to attend one of the meetings. She expressed thanks for CRAAC's hard work and diligence. Maps of ACECs in Massachusetts were distributed, and Ms. Suedemeyer stated that she would like to have her department hold a workshop to get CRAAC and similar groups together.

VII. Discuss the 22nd Annual CRAAC Awareness Day on May 9, 2009 at Bass Pro Shop in Foxboro

R. Boette indicated that there is a new Event Manager at Bass Pro Shop and he is not as enthusiastic about CRAAC's Awareness Day as the one that he originally spoke with. Mr. Boette will continue to work on this project and try to get more space in the store for CRAAC's displays.

VIII. Water Conservation Discussion

W. Southworth discussed stricter water restrictions that Easton and other communities will be facing as of May 1, 2009. L. Flynn offered information about types of grasses that need little or no watering. W. Southworth will arrange for Dave DeLorenzo of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to attend a CRAAC meeting to discuss this issue further.

IX. New Business

W. Southworth expressed his thanks to Adrienne Edwards and Jenn Carlino for the hard work and innovative ideas that they bring to the Committee. He also thanked Karen Gallo for obtaining e-mail address of members and friends of CRAAC in order to reduce the number of paper copies that are mailed.

X. Old Business – none noted

J. Sozio motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by R. Boette. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 1:00 pm at Sharon Community Center in Sharon, MA.