

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday January 8, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Foxborough Public Safety Building, 8 Chestnut Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Members Present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Jan Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Joan F. Sozio, Foxborough; Leo Potter, Foxborough; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton; Susan Mims, Norton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon;

Others Present: Adrienne Edwards

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

II. Review Minutes of December 4, 2008

Jan Fowler motioned to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008. Bob Boette seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

III. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update

Leonard Flynn stated that there are no new updates at this time.

IV. CRAAC Annual Report

A copy of the 2008 CRAAC Annual Report was mailed out with the meeting agenda. Dave Masciarelli noted that he was reappointed and sworn in on December 31, 2008. Ed Tartufo stated that the terms on the CRAAC should run from July to June.

V. Discuss Design of a New CRAAC Brochure – Adrienne Edwards

Adrienne Edwards of Easton has been working hard on the redesign of the CRAAC brochure. Feedback received at each CRAAC meeting is incorporated into each new version. The latest version was distributed for review. A. Edwards has been in contact with Jenn Carlino on a regular basis, and the brochure is getting closer to a finished product. Although a lot of written information can be included, it was felt that less, but more focused, information would be best to include on the brochure, and in a concise, bulleted format. Stating the purpose of the CRAAC is most important; additional information can be found on the website, which will be referenced on the brochure. The brochure will primarily contain photos, maps and highlights. L. Flynn expressed concern with showing too many access points on the map, and felt that access should be limited to areas where parking is available. He added that the primary purpose of the greenbelt is water protection. Ed Tartufo said that passive recreation is also a component. W. Southworth agreed that supervision of the area is challenging.

Protected parcels are shown in green on the map. L. Flynn said that the EOEA color standards should be used for consistency. The maps will have a legend. The size of the map will not allow for a lot of detail. A. Edwards will print out several different options for the map area for review at the next meeting.

Data is still missing for three of the towns. Bob Boette will provide Foxborough's information after consulting with Dave Risch. A. Edwards handed out discs with spreadsheets on them to facilitate the process.

The goal is to have this printed by Canoe River Awareness Day.

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

Bob Boette stated that Tom Keating from the Bass Pro Shop is enthused about holding the Awareness Day at Bass Pro Shop. The store has a large portico outside and ample space inside. Wayne Southworth suggested he and Bob Boette meet with Mr. Keating on-site prior to Awareness Day. They can then determine where to locate displays and maps.

VII. New Business

Karen Gallo has been working to reduce the CRAAC mailing list by using e-mail for most interested parties. The next mailing will include a note requesting that the recipient forward their e-mail address if they are still interested in receiving information from the CRAAC. The website address will also be included on the letter's header area.

Bob Boette said that the percentage of conservation land that Foxborough owns was recently questioned at a meeting after a land donation was initially rejected in order to keep the property on the tax rolls. Jenn Carlino noted that on the Commonwealth Capital Form a higher percentage of open space results in a higher reimbursement amount from the state. This holds true across the board on all projects, including highway projects. Preserving land has a lot of merit, and its value reaches beyond the tax dollars the land brings.

Jenn Carlino said that the Three Mile River has been accepted as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. A celebration/kick-off meeting will take place at the Norton Town Hall on January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm. There are now three contiguous ACEC's (Three Mile River, Hockomock Swamp and Canoe River). Congratulations to Jenn Carlino for her commitment to getting this designation.

The next meeting of the CRAAC will take place on February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Norton's Selectmen's Room.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Meeting Adjourned

B. Boette motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Fresh seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.