

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES - October 1, 2009**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, October 1, 2009 beginning at 1 PM at the Easton Water Division, 417 Bay Road, Easton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Jr., Easton; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Susan Mims, Norton; John J. Marsh, Easton.

Guest: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist.

- I. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 1 PM by Wayne Southworth.
- II. Review Minutes of September 3, 2009** - Fresh/Carlino moved to accept the minutes of September 3, 2009. VOTED
- III. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - Carlino noted a wetland bylaw is being proposed at Norton's town meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009.
- IV. Awareness Day 2010 Discussion** - Southworth noted the proposed date is May 8, 2010 as most of the Water Department's open houses are the first week of May. O'Donnell noted Mansfield is planning a town cleanup; will find out the date.

Suggestions for program: have same outside; consider use of kayaks along with canoes; best location would be the Rod & Gun Club in Mansfield as it is near the middle of the river, location is best for the boats, has a building to use if it rains; should we partner with another group to draw more people (ex: boy scouts – O'Donnell to talk to scout leader; Norton Land Trust; the Green Committee; the group that does the stream level monitoring; display the GPS program and the video of the blimp flight; consider a speaker).

- V. Open Meeting Law Discussion** - The Town Administrator asked every committee to discuss the open meeting law; read the email from the Town Clerk dated 09-04-2009. Discussed same.

**VI. New Business and VII. Old Business**

Workshop – “How to Protect your Water Sources from Microbacterial Contamination”; location is convenient (Taunton); fits into this committee's ideology.

Sole Source Aquifer - Carlino asked if the committee could have someone from the EPA group come out to discuss the Sole Source Aquifer. Comments: if there is any Federal funding involved, the EPA reviews the application; do not have an answer on who the

speaker would be; curious to how it is flagged; as it is an EPA designation is there grant money for projects in a sole source aquifer. (Southworth – will try and find out.)

Adrienne Edwards presented a GPS tour of the Canoe River on the big screen starting from the north. Comments: could the green overlay be softened to show the river more; even with the protected open spaces, noted the number of existing large lawn areas; great tool.

Southworth: was at a meeting with DEP and the Water Management Act representatives on the issuance of the 20 year water management program; the water allowed for each committee is being severely diminished to meet the 65 gallon per capita per day; if you look at this year and how wet it was, there was ample water for everyone; the ruling is going to curtail outside irrigation more than we have every seen; it is going to be tough to meet these requirements; Sharon allows only four hours a week – think we are looking at no water whatsoever for irrigation; it is going to be quite an educational shock to our users to meet these requirements; having residents putting in their own wells which defeats the proposed 65 gal. cap; collectively finding it is a little too restrictive – only the cities can meet the cap as they do not have the outside watering demand.

Next meeting is November 5, 2009 in Sharon.

Fresh/ Masciarelli moved to adjourn. VOTED (Adjourned at 2:05 PM)