

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday November 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Andrew Gala Meeting Room, Foxborough Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Members Present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; Joan F. Sozio, Foxborough; Leo Potter, Foxborough; Robert Boette, Foxborough; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Jenn Carlino, Norton

Others Present: Adrienne Edwards, Town of Easton GIS Specialist

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Wayne Southworth.

II. Review Minutes of October 7, 2010

Bob Boette motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2010. Jan Fowler seconded the motion. The minutes of October 7, 2010 were unanimously accepted.

III. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update

No new acquisitions are on the horizon for the Canoe River greenbelt area. Leonard Flynn said that there still is a lot of funding available for land acquisition, but there does not seem to be anyone interested in selling. Flint's Farm has not shown an interest in selling off a strip of land along the river.

Adrienne Edwards recently attended a GIS seminar. New software will allow her to use a zoom-able map for the CRAAC web site.

Leo Potter said that a grant that Foxborough's Town Planner is working on will give extra points for the implementation of a Watershed Action Plan. The Canoe River educational brochure is the most recent work done by the committee, although the Legislative Act would provide a good background of the goals of the CRAAC. The CRAAC abides by this act and continues to work with it. Leo Potter passed out a copy of the section of the Commonwealth Capital Assessment plan that deals with a Watershed Action Plan.

IV. Review and Update Mailing and E-Mail List

W. Southworth read through a list of names on the mailing list. He said it would be a good idea to periodically review the mailing list for any changes, particularly after an election, to make certain that people of interest are always on the list.

V. Review Committee Membership Appointment Dates

W. Southworth read the names of the current members and their corresponding appointment expiration dates. Susan Mims will be resigning due to a family situation. There is still a vacancy in Sharon, as well as Norton. W. Southworth wondered if the Town of Norton advertises its membership vacancies. Jenn Carlino stated that she does her own press release when she is trying to fill a vacancy on the Conservation Commission in Norton. Perhaps

members of the local water divisions or preservation societies would be interested in filling the vacancies.

VI. Discuss Canoe River Awareness Day 2011

At the last meeting it was suggested that the next Awareness Day be done in partnership with the water division of one of the member communities. Easton will be holding its Open House on April 30, 2011 and would be open to any ideas for inclusion of the Awareness Day. Leonard Flynn agreed that the partnership would be a good idea, in consideration of the amount of planning and effort that is always put into Awareness Day, and the generally low turnout that has often resulted. Easton's Open House traditionally has a high turnout, in part due to a poster contest that has always generated a lot of interest with the school children. About 800 children usually submit a poster. Foxboro's Open House at Witch Pond had a very low turnout, and Mansfield has not had an open house in several years. Jan Fowler said that a combined open house would be a good opportunity to take people out on the reservoir. Any other ideas for the next Awareness Day are welcome. Kevin O'Donnell said that Kurt Gaffney would probably be interested in bringing canoes to Mansfield's new facility, but that the event could not be held the same weekend as the Annual Clean-Up Day, as this is a very big event in Mansfield. Mother's Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend would not be good times to hold the event, so the best remaining days would be May 14, 15, 21 or 22, 2011. Kevin O'Donnell will find out what day the clean-up is being held.

VII. CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration 2012 Subcommittee Selection

The CRAAC's 20th Anniversary was very memorable. Members felt that the CRAAC should plan a celebration for its 25th Anniversary, even if it is not on the same scale as the 20th Anniversary. This celebration will take the place of the 2012 Awareness Day. The Committee will need a few people willing to put in the time to plan the event. Choice of location, the type of event (whether a sit-down dinner or less formal affair), a source for funding, and keynote speakers are all areas that need to be developed. Leonard Flynn suggested coming up with a "wish list" and paring back from that.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting of the CRAAC will take place on December 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Norton Library.

W. Southworth accepted a motion from Leonard Flynn to adjourn the meeting. Bob Boette seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.