

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – June 2, 2011**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee on Thursday, June 2, 2011 beginning at 1 PM at the Mansfield Town Hall, Room 2AB, 6 Park Row, Mansfield, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Robert Boette, Foxboro; Ed Tartufo Flynn, Mansfield; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon; Frances Shirley, Norton; Jon Rowe, Norton; Jennifer Carlino, Norton.

Guests: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist; Kathy Romero, MASS DEP.

- 1. Call to Order** - Wayne Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
- 2. Review Minutes of May 5, 2011** - Boette/Shirley moved to accept the minutes of May 5, 2011 with the following correction: Jennifer Carlino, Norton to be added to the list of attendees.
- 3. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - Nothing to report at this time.
- 4. CRAAC Educational Outreach Kiosk Discussion and 5. EPA Grant Application** - Edwards noted the CRAAC did not get the grant; scheduled for a debriefing on why we did not get same; there were 96 proposal - 36 are to submit a full proposal; projects to be awarded on October 20, 2011; will keep looking for other opportunities; may have to consider a basic kiosk.

Discussion highlights: have had some discussion on a revolving kiosk; there are a multitude of professionally built kiosks; will continue to investigate same

- 6. DEP Update – Kathy Romero** - members introduced themselves to our speaker, Kathy Romero; Southworth noted that Kathy started at the Norton Conservation Commission and this is her seventeenth year at DEP plus she serves as a liaison to the Safety Drinking Water Advisory Committee.

Romero: my job is to do source water protection; when Wayne asked me to come today, I tried to come up with 2 or 3 topics you would be interested in. Item #1 – Safe Drinking Water Assessment – presented report. When the Federal government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), they allowed the states to maintain programs in their state. By maintaining primacy, the MASS DEP is able to offer specialized technical assistance and compliance programs that save public water systems and their customers millions of dollars. The assessment paid for by users of public water is \$8.50 per million gallons of water used each year. Besides public water, this includes restaurants, day care facilities, campgrounds and many other types of businesses that serve water, through a private source, to employees and customers. In 2010 the assessment revenue totaled \$2.12 million. A list of accomplishments for the year 2010 is on the last two pages of the report. Ms. Romero noted that every year they are looking for good photographs of the public water systems for the cover of their report. Item #2 – a letter that we send out to the Boards of Health every year (usually in the summer); the 2011 letter has twenty-six (26) items we would like to remind and educate the Boards of Health members (both old and new); worked with the Boards of Health in the Drinking Water Program (example: in regards to day care facilities; there are a lot of day care facilities not registered; as a result of that 3,200 children were drinking water not tested).

Item #3: Well Driller Registration Program – a couple of years ago, the Well Driller registration was transferred to DEP; have entered the paper data of wells from DCR onto the computer (going to DEP's website; then to "searchwells" will give you the data); some of the data goes back to the 1960's; currently 89,000 records; Canoe River has 1,869 wells, Norton 686, Easton 325, Mansfield 355 (96% of the wells are mapped), Foxborough 273, Sharon 230 registered; in the state there are 350 well drillers and 450 rigs registered.

Questions/Comments: is there any way to know withdrawal (Romero: not really); can this information be imported to our system (Romero: will look into it); do not know if the CRAAC Boards of Health are aware this information is available; does the website have information available on private wells (yes); is there a maximum usage (Southworth: 100,000 gallons a day triggers).

Romero: currently there are thirty (30) Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the state; last one added was the Upper Housatonic River in March of 2009; this represents 268,000 acres. As to Rare and Endangered Species, there are three volunteer groups statewide. Work is being done in the area of dog waste and Drinking Water Protection education by Kelly Freda, MASS DCR (one dog produces ¾ lbs. of solid waste and 7.8 billion bacteria per day).

7. Recap the 24th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day 2011 at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant on May 14, 2011 - Southworth: had several dozen people attend along with a state representative, a member of the Mansfield Board of Selectmen and a representative from the Mansfield NRT with a display; the tours of the water facility were very informative; a number of people went out on the canoes.

8. Discuss the Program for CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sharon Community Center in 2012 - Masciareili: checked on the four dates; all are open; regular open bar would require a patrol officer. Boette/Tartufo moved to book September 14, 2012. VOTED. Masciareili to book same.

Discussion: mentioned Bill Keating as a speaker; Bill Vernon submitted the legislation. Tartufo/Boette moved to send a letter to Bill Keating asking for his participation. VOTED Southworth: have a list of people we invited to the 20th anniversary; at the next meeting will have it available for review; need to double check on any Jewish holiday; suggested times to start - either 7 PM or 6-9 PM; light fare; wine and cheese when you come in; would like to serve something we do not have to charge for; to check to see if the facility will allow us to do a potluck.

9. Vote to Suspend July Meeting - Fowler/Boette moved to suspend the July 2011 meeting. VOTED

Robert Boette noted that Beaumont Pond is going to the Conservation Commission for pond restoration; thought someone from Mansfield would like to attend.

10. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM. Next meeting will be on August 4, 2011 in Easton.