

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2011**

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

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice L. Fowler, Easton; John J. Fresh, Jr., Easton; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield; Ed Tartufo, Mansfield; Bob Boette, Foxborough; Frances Shirley, Norton; Jonathan Rowe, Norton; Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon.

Guest: Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist; Xia Jin, Mansfield GIS Manager.

1. **Call to Order** - Southworth called the meeting to order at 1 PM.
2. **Review Minutes of November 3, 2011** - Tartufo/Boette moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2011 as corrected. Voted.
3. **Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update** - nothing to report; Flynn noted that the ACEC program is going defunct due to cuts in funding. Carlino/Flynn moved to send a letter to Liz Sorenson thanking her for all of her support and years of service in the Commonwealth and noting our disappointment the ACEC project is inactive.
4. **GIS Presentation – Xia Jin, GIS Manager – Town of Mansfield** - Jin's presentation included the following: an Introduction to GIS; its uses to Mansfield in drinking water, in stormwater and in conservation. Flynn noted that GIS has also been helpful in the Canoe River Green Belt Land Analysis; should consider putting in the depth of saturated soil; this is a great tool.

Questions: how much is available on-line – property boundaries, zoning, voting districts, open space, aerial; how long have you been working with the GIS. Jin: eight years; departments are responsible for their infrastructures; in the Town Hall, if there is a zoning change, I help management.

5. **CRAAC Educational Outreach Kiosk Discussion** - Edwards: have not heard yet about next year; we discussed a kiosk linked to the website where the data would be stored; this might be the time to make a fresh new website.

Highlights of discussion: if the town has GIS, could it access the website; have been discussing same, perhaps our next meeting should talk about our website; perhaps at the following meeting in Sharon, their GIS person could be a guest; putting information on-line is the best exposure; still think there is a need for the kiosk along with the website; perhaps there is something we can do with the colleges, as well as the work done to date to protect the land.

6. Annual Canoe River Aquifer Awareness Day April 28, 2012 – Southworth: date has been set for April 28, 2012 at the Easton Water Works who will be celebrating their 125th year; hopefully all our members will be able to attend this year's event; usually there is well over 100 attendees.

7. Proposed AT&T Cell Tower Within 400 Feet of Sharon's Well #6 - Masciarelli: this is still in front of the Zoning Board; it is not within the 400 feet, nor has it ever been.

Discussion: are there any activities that would be harmful to the site (all these questions has been asked - ex: backup generators, still in design stage); is the 400 feet a code requirement (yes); what they should be looking for is the core of influence (400 feet is an arbitrary number but it is a pristine area); backup generators use only propane fuel.

8 Discuss the Program for CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012 - Southworth: have reached out to speakers but have not had any response; should branch out; looking for suggestions or avenues (Bill Vernon did follow us a lot of years); by next month's meeting we need to have someone in mind.

Comments: need someone close to our philosophy - one who agrees with what we are trying to accomplish; Easton, like other municipalities, have been re-districted; perhaps someone from one of the colleges; will carry this to our next meeting; think we need to have a small three person subcommittee; have talked about looking for donations.

9. Beaumont Pond Update - Boette: they have settled on a drawdown; no chemicals; went back to the original order of conditions and got more reports to be done; have already started the drawdown; total feet of drawdown will be four; pond was originally a natural area but gravel was hauled out to build Rte. 495 or Logan Airport.

10. Adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Next meeting is in Easton and are planning to have new photographs of members taken for website.