



Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

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MAJOR EVENTS

1987

February 1987 - Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (CRAAC) was formed after several years of discussion with water superintendents of Easton, Norton, and Mansfield.

May 1987 - the Town of Foxborough joined CRAAC.

October 1, 1987 - CRAAC received a \$40,000 Grant from Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) to study the Canoe River Aquifer within the five towns. CRAAC selected IEP to study the aquifer and prepare a regional protection plan.

October 22, 1987 - State Legislature approved Act Establishing the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. Representative William Vernon filed legislation, and since then, CRAAC has been regarded as a model for the State.

1988

March 1988 - CRAAC signed an agreement with the Division of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement's Adopt-a-Stream program. Official certificate presented to Committee at the May 7, 1988 Awareness Day by Maria Van Dusen.

May 1988 - the Town of Sharon voted to join CRAAC. Legislation was amended to include the Town of Sharon.

May 7, 1988 - CRAAC's first Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club. Over 50 people attended. There were several presentations and the first canoe trip took place.

August 4, 1988 - CRAAC members met at Sharon DPW to review salting equipment that had been modified to use liquid calcium chloride, which is cost effective, does a better job, and reduces the amount of sodium chloride.

September 1988 - IEP completed the Canoe River Aquifer Regional Protection Plan funded by EOCD. The plan included hydrogeological information and maps of the aquifer, as well as, recommendations to protect the aquifer.

November 1988 - a \$2000 grant was received from the Division of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement to map parcels of land abutting the Canoe River.

1989

February 12, 1989 - the first Winter Canoe River Awareness Day was held at Wheaton College. IEP presented the Canoe River Aquifer Regional Plan. Additional presentations of the plan were later made by IEP in each of the member towns.

May 6, 1989 - the second Canoe River Spring Awareness Day took place at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club. The event included a river clean up and a canoe trip.

December 1989 - educational brochure was finalized by the committee and printed by the Vocational Technical School.

1990

March 3, 1990 - CRAAC sponsored a Land Use Conference entitled "Using Land While Protecting Water Supplies in the Canoe River Aquifer" at Wheaton College in Norton. Over 150 attended.

May 3, 1990 - the third Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at Mansfield Fish and Game Club. The traditional canoe ride took place, and there were speakers from the Division of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement.

October 30, 1990 - CRAAC held an educational seminar at Mansfield Town Hall. Dr William Jobin spoke on "Mitigation of Aquifer Impacts by Local Boards."

1991

February 6, 1991 - over 225 people attended CRAAC's conference on Underground Storage Tanks held at Stonehill College in Easton. Speakers discussed liability and latest removal and regulatory requirements for underground storage tanks.

May 18, 1991 - fourth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at Ann's Place restaurant in Norton. CRAAC received a certificate designating the aquifer as an "Area of Critical Environmental Concern" (ACEC) from the Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

December 5, 1991 - members took a bus tour of the Canoe River Watershed from Sharon to Norton. The Town of Easton provided the bus, and John Fresh, Easton Water Works, provided the narration.

1992

April 2, and again on August 6, 1992 - members went on an educational tour of well sites in Foxborough and Easton.

April 11, 1992 - CRAAC held a Lake Management Conference in conjunction with its fifth Canoe River Aquifer Spring Awareness Day at the Sharon Community Center. Speakers discussed watershed protection.

May 7, 1992 - members toured the Mansfield Sewage Treatment Plant to better understand waste water treatment.

October 1992 - CRAAC submits application to EPA for Sole Source Aquifer Designation.

1993

May 23, 1993 - the sixth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club. The event centered on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's designation of the Canoe River Aquifer as a Sole Source Aquifer.

May 26, 1993 - CRAAC co-sponsored the Biofiltration Conference held at Borderland State Park.

October 30, 1993 - CRAAC sponsored a Land Use Conference at Stonehill College in Easton. The conference was geared toward town officials, builders, and engineers. Featured speaker, Robert Lemire, discussed creative land protection and development through local regulations.

1994

January 28, 1994 - joint ACEC meeting (Hockomock Swamp and Canoe River Aquifer) was held at Stonehill College in conjunction with Taunton Watershed Alliance. Approximately 150 people were in attendance.

May 14, 1994 - seventh Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the town line of Easton & Norton at Maple Street/Red Mill Road. Speakers were from the Division of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Law Enforcement.

May 19, 1994 - as part of the Governor's Cabinet tour, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Cox visited the Canoe River in Mansfield at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club and enthusiastically participated in a canoe ride.

1995

March 2, 1995 - as part of the CRAAC's Land Protection Project, maps on open space and land uses within the Canoe River Aquifer were completed and distributed to each community.

May 13, 1995 - eighth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at Greeley's Pond in Foxborough. CRAAC presented Greg Mertz with a citation from President Clinton, which recognized his Adopt-a-Stream Eagle Scout project that entailed clearing and marking trails around Greeley's Pond. Foxborough Conservation Commission conducted tour of pond.

1996

April 10, 1996 - Shoreline Survey Workshop was conducted by Joan Kimball, Adopt-a-Stream Program. Volunteer teams were assigned areas along the river and surveys scheduled for May 3-5.

May, 1996 - Educational Video on the Canoe River Aquifer completed. First showing will be the Canoe River Awareness Day.

May 11, 1996 - ninth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day held in Norton at the water department's well 36. Summaries of Shoreline Survey of Canoe River along with photographs were presented.

June 6, 1996 - a Greenbelt subcommittee was formed to implement a plan of identifying all public and private owned land parcels along the Canoe River and to map these parcels.

June 6, 1996 - Bluestone Energy Services gave a slide presentation of the proposed desalinization plant to be built at the tidal basin of the Taunton River for the purpose of supplying towns with potable water.

1997

February 6, 1997 - CRAAC began an effort to have approximately 180 acres of excess land located within the Canoe River aquifer, which was taken from the Town of Norton by the Massachusetts Highway Department for 495, returned to Norton. Leonard Flynn will oversee this endeavor for CRAAC.

April 29, 1997 - John DeVillars, Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, presented CRAAC with the New England Environmental Award for contributing to the improvement in the quality of the environment in New England.

On May 17, 1997 - the Tenth Year Anniversary of the Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Rod and Gun Club. A formal *Certificate of Appreciation* was presented to those who have assisted or worked with CRAAC since its inception. The event was celebrated with an official ten year anniversary cake. Tenth anniversary water bottles were distributed to all present.

June 5, 1997 - CRAAC received a \$38,500, Clean Water Act grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEM) to develop a Governmental Informational System (GIS) mapping project for the Canoe River Greenbelt project. An agreement with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth was executed to complete the task.

August 7, 1997 - the Foxborough Conservation Commission purchased 11.6 acres of land around Beaumont's Pond as part of CRAAC's Greenbelt initiative.

September 4, 1997 - arrangements were made at Easton Town Hall to have a volunteer student, Amy Silva, from Stonehill College to work on the Greenbelt project and to help prepare the Shoreline Survey for publication.

September 4, 1997 - Cynthia Wood, Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Service Forester, volunteered her services to work with CRAAC towns on forest management.

November 6, 1997 - the Shoreline Survey Report in conjunction with the Adopt-a-Stream Program was published for distribution to all local libraries, conservation commissions, and state representatives and senators.

1998

March 25, 1998 - CRAAC in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sponsored a *Stormwater Technique Seminar* at Norton Library. Sixty people including local officials and many engineering firms attended.

April 2, 1998 - at the Norton Library, CRAAC sponsored a *Forest Management Seminar*. David Walsh from DEM spoke on 'Riparian Forest Buffers'. Booklets and information on the topic were distributed.

May 16, 1998 - the eleventh Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at Red Mill Road in Easton. Cynthia Wood from DEM was the guest speaker.

September 2, 1998 - Chairman Wayne Southworth toured the Canoe River with two photographers, courtesy of the Hood Blimp. Excellent aerial photos and video were taken and made available for public viewing.

December 3, 1998 - CRAAC's Greenbelt Brochure was finished. Printed copies were sent to all property owners abutting the entire length of the Canoe River.

1999

February 4, 1999 - CRAAC along with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance received a volunteer monitoring grant of \$12,000 to buy monitoring devices some of which will be placed in the Canoe River Aquifer.

March 4, 1999 - Neil Flennessy and students from the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth finished the GIS project with all properties along the Canoe River digitalized.

May 15, 1999 - the twelfth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held in Mansfield at the Canoe River Campground. Kerry Mackin, Executive Director of the Ipswich Watershed Association, was the guest speaker.

August 5, 1999 - a water aquifer model to be used by all schools within the five towns of CRAAC was donated to CRAAC by member Dr. Phillip Barske.

October 26, 1999 - Joan Sozio was appointed by Commissioner Lauren Liss of DEP to the Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment Advisory Committee to represent CRAAC as one of the two representatives on that committee for environmental organizations.

2000

February 3, 2000 - CRAAC received a \$3,000 Riverways Grant from the Division of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement to help defray costs of the Lawn Care Seminar. The grant was received as a result of the application submitted by Jennifer Carlino, Norton's Conservation Agent.

March 2, 2000 - CRAAC finalized the Canoe River decal design. The decal will be ready for distribution during the Spring Awareness Day along with Certificates of Appreciation.

March 30, 2000 - CRAAC sponsored a Water Conservation and Lawn Care Seminar at Norton Middle School, which featured Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Over one hundred people attended. A video of the seminar was distributed to each community to show on cable TV network and to be placed in the library.

May 13, 2000 - the thirteenth, Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at Redmill Road at the Easton/Norton town line. Linder Marler, DEM, was the guest speaker.

August 3, 2000 - Jeff Hanson and John Murray of Bluestone Energy Services presented the committee with an overview of the Taunton River Desalinization Project.

September 7, 2000 - CRAAC received a \$50,000 grant from DEM's Office of Water Resources to conduct a water resource evaluation of the Canoe River Aquifer and also a \$44,360 grant to work with the Pesticide Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture to develop materials to educate the public within the five CRAAC towns about the appropriate application of pesticides and fertilizers.

September 16, 2000 - the Town of Norton acquired two parcels within the Canoe River Greenbelt, the 57 acre Johnson Property and the 35 acre Subon Property.

December 7, 2000 - Peter Garrett of Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc., a specialist in geology and hydrogeology, made a presentation to the committee on the development of bedrock wells as sources of potable water when sand and gravel well sources in a community have been exhausted.

2001

January 4, 2001 - Peter Silbermann and Bob Bell of Earth Tech along with member Joan Sozio made a presentation to CRAAC on the application of the reuse of wastewater, which is being developed for the flushing of toilets within the new Patriot's Stadium in Foxborough. Additional applications of wastewater reuse that are available to the Town of Foxborough in its efforts to conserve its potable water supply were also discussed.

March 29, 2001 - CRAAC sponsored a second Lawn Care Seminar, which was held at the Norton Middle School. Guest speakers were Brian E. Vinchesi of Irrigation Consulting, Inc. and Linda Wightman of Hunter Industries. They spoke on the proper installation and use of irrigation systems. A video of the seminar was distributed to each CRAAC community to show on cable TV and to be placed in the library.

April 30, 2001 - Wayne Southworth gave a presentation at the New Mayflower Compact Congress Conference held at Stonehill College on CRAAC as a model of water resource management. On behalf of the committee, he received the "First Annual New Mayflower Compact Award" for CRAAC's example as an Innovative Regional Collaboration.

May 12, 2001- the fourteenth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club. Sharon McGregor of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs was the guest speaker. Fifty-five Certificates of Appreciation were awarded for participation in CRAAC's Green Belt Project.

June 7, 2001 - through member, Leonard Flynn's efforts, Christie Anderberg and Badge Blackett from the Trust of Public Land met with CRAAC to establish a partnership for purchasing and protecting land along the Canoe River Greenbelt.

June 7, 2001 - Taryn LaScola from the Pesticide Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture began work on the grant the Bureau received to provide public education for responsible pesticide and fertilizer use within the Canoe River Aquifer. She developed fact sheets to be mailed to all households within the CRAAC towns, and made herself available to attend public forums to discuss pesticide and fertilizer use.

August 2, 2001 - Patrick Rogers, DEP's Taunton River Team Leader, announced to CRAAC that Horsley and Witten, Inc. were awarded the \$50,000 DEM grant to conduct a year long study of the Canoe River Aquifer.

September 15, 2001 - at the dedication ceremony of the Town of Norton's purchase of the Subon property along the Canoe River, CRAAC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Norton Conservation Commission and Norton Recreation Commission.

October 22, 2001 - the Mill Pond Dam Project along the Canoe River in Mansfield was completed. Funds were appropriated by the Town of Mansfield to complete the project.

2002

March 7, 2002 - a presentation titled *Land & Community Revitalization of Brownfields* was made to CRAAC by Alyson Walsh from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

March 7, 2002 - CRAAC was chosen by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), Bob Durand, to be featured in the April 2002 *State of the Environment Update*. Allen Lyn, photographer for EOEA, was present at the meeting to take a picture of CRAAC members. .

April 4, 2002 - Jim Zoppo, owner of American Landscape/Sharon Nurseries, offered to assist CRAAC in educating the public on proper lawn care techniques on his radio talk show on WRKO AM 680. He also volunteered his services to work with Dave Masciarelli from CRAAC to produce a lawn care video on drought resistant grass and water techniques for landscaping.

May 2, 2002 - Taryn LaScola from the Pesticide Bureau of the Mass. Department of Food and Agriculture informed CRAAC that *The Manual Water Well-Being*, developed for CRAAC as part of the Bureau's public education project on responsible pesticide and fertilizer use within the Canoe River Aquifer, has been published. Taryn will distribute the guide book throughout the five CRAAC towns at various town events, such as, Household Hazardous Waste Collection days. A website, www.mass.gov/waterwellbeing has also been set up.

May 18, 2002 - the fifteenth Canoe River Spring Awareness Day was held at the Norton Water Works on Plain Street. Taryn LaScola from the Pesticide Bureau was the guest speaker. A torrential rain storm limited attendance.

June 6, 2002 - the Town of Norton purchased the Lincoln Woods. The purchase added 70 acres to the Canoe River Greenbelt.

December 5, 2002 - as a measure of water conservation, Marty Greenstein, owner of the New England Rain Barrel Company, made a presentation on rain barrels. The rain barrels are sold to watershed associations at a discounted price. The Committee endorsed the project. Water superintendents of the CRAAC towns will be contacted to set up a purchase and distribution program within their towns.

2003

April 3, 2003 - after six years of persistent effort by CRAAC member Leonard Flynn, 126 acres of the 176 acres taken from the Town of Norton by the Massachusetts Highway Department will be returned to the town by a transfer of the land to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. There are still 50 acres remaining to be returned, which Leonard will continue to pursue. This land is a significant acquisition to the Canoe River Aquifer Greenbelt.

May 24, 2003 - the sixteenth Canoe River Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club. Presentations were made by Jay Brolin, EPA, on Storm Water Management and by Taryn LaScola, Department of Food and Agriculture, on Water Well-Being. Special Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to CRAAC member, Leonard Flynn, and to Norton Conservation Officer, Jennifer Carlino, for their efforts in obtaining substantial land acquisitions in Norton for the Canoe River Greenbelt project. In addition, member Phil Barske, hand carved a Rail bird, which was raffled off as a door prize.

June 5, 2003 - as an effort to promote water conservation, CRAAC towns in conjunction with Marty Greenstein, owner of the *New England Rain Barrel Company*, sold 109 rain barrels to homeowners.

June 11, 2003 - CRAAC sponsored an Organic Land Care Presentation in conjunction with NOFA/Mass Organic Land Care Program coordinator, Marylyn Castriotta. The presentation was held at the Easton Water Division during the evening from 7 - 9 p.m. and was video taped for future use.

August 7, 2003 - the year, long study of the Canoe River Aquifer, which was sponsored by a DEM grant, has been completed by Horsley & Whitten Inc. Paper copies and CD's of the report will be distributed to each of the CRAAC town's water departments and town agencies. Due to the State's financial situation, the public out reach portion was dropped from the project.

October 2, 2003 - Taryn LaScola of the Mass Department of Food & Agriculture continued to work with CRAAC by attending many meetings within the five communities and setting up displays throughout the year at a variety of seminars and events to promote the manual she developed for CRAAC, *Water Well Being*, which provides information about responsible pesticide and fertilizer use.

2004

January 29, 2004 - member, Leonard Flynn, and his wife Marydee were honored at a special dedication ceremony by the Town of Mansfield for their work in procuring substantial land parcels for conservation along the Canoe River. On this day, a proclamation was issued by the Mansfield Board of Selectmen, the Mansfield Conservation Commission, and the Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield stating that all conservation land along the Canoe River from East Street in Mansfield to the Norton town line, be dedicated as the *Leonard F. and Marydee Flynn Conservation Area*.

February 2004 - the Southeast Regional Planning Council invited Chairman, Wayne Southworth, to speak at a their meeting held at Carver's Town Office to discuss CRAAC's efforts in protecting the Canoe River aquifer with particular emphasis on CRAAC having the aquifer designated as a Federal Sole Source Aquifer and Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

February 5, 2004 -Jennifer Carlino, Norton's conservation agent, helped the committee to prepare and send out proposals for a wildlife habitat evaluation of the Canoe River Aquifer.

March 4, 2004 - Joan Sozio resigned as CRAAC's delegate to the Federal Safe Drinking Act Committee and announced she will no longer be seeking another term on the Foxboro Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Joan was honored by the Foxboro Water Department at a testimonial for her sixteen years of dedication to the community and her involvement state wide regarding water supply issues.

May 15, 2004 - the seventeenth Canoe River Awareness Day was held at Wheaton Farm. Wayne Southworth presented Senator Jo Ann Sprague with a plaque thanking her for all the years she supported CRAAC's efforts to protect the Canoe River. Also, Jack Marsh, Easton's water superintendent, demonstrated Easton's new disinfection technology at the Wheaton Farm pumping station, and displays on water conservation were provided by the five, CRAAC, water departments.

September 2, 2004 - after many years of effort by CRAAC member, Leonard Flynn, Norton's conservation agent, Jennifer Carlino, and Senator Sprague along with her aid Joseph Denneen to acquire for protection of the Canoe River Aquifer 176 acres of land along I-495 in Norton from Mass Highway, the State sent a letter stating that the 176 acres have been transferred from the Mass Highway Department to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife with Article 97 protection. Article 97 will protect this land in perpetuity.

2005

April 22, 2005 - the Land Preservation Society of Norton honored CRAAC on Earth Day for its special contribution to preserving the environment in Norton and for its persistence in negotiating with the State of Massachusetts the procurement and protection of surplus I-495 land in Norton near the Canoe River.

May 7, 2005 - the eighteenth Canoe River Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Fish and Game facility. Leslie Luchonok, Director of the Massachusetts Resource Management Planning Program, was the guest speaker. Despite the rain, approximately 30 people attended the event.

JUNE 14, 2005 - Leo Potter was appointed to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Committee as a representative of the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee.

November 15, 2005 - a Forum on Water Conservation arranged by member, Dave Masciarelli, was held at the Sharon Cable 8 Studio. Superintendents, Leo Potter from Foxborough, Eric Hooper from Sharon, and Jack Marsh from Easton along with Duane Lavangie from the DEP participated in the forum. DVD's of the forum were distributed to the five, member towns to be shown on their cable stations. In addition to these events, CRAAC over the years has had many guest officials speak at the committee's regular meetings and has participated with exhibits and speakers at many events.

2006

April 6, 2006 - the Committee agreed to have Jack Marsh, Town of Easton Water Superintendent, begin to develop and design a website, CRAAC.org.

May 4, 2006 - Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, was honored by receiving the very prestigious EPA Environmental Award acknowledging her tireless efforts on behalf of the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee as well as her many successful land acquisition undertakings for the Town of Norton and her efforts in the promotion of environmental awareness.

June 3, 2006 - the 19th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day was held at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant. Tours of the facility were included.

September 7, 2006 - Elizabeth Sorenson, Director of the Massachusetts ACEC Program and Susan Beede, ACEC Coordinator, met with the Committee to update them on their present program initiatives.

September 14, 2006 - a one-day water conservation workshop took place at the Easton Water Division for members of each of the five water divisions within the Canoe River Aquifer. Amy Vickers conducted the all-day workshop, which was attended by forty personnel from the five Canoe River Aquifer communities. The workshop was made possible by a portion of a \$30,000 grant for water conservation from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that was received by the Easton Water Division.

October 15, 2006 - the Committee was saddened by the death of Frederick Watson, long-time member from Norton.

2007

March 23, 2007 - the Committee celebrated its 20th anniversary with a gala at The Player's Club in Norton. Leslie Luchonok and Bill Napolitano were the guest speakers. Jennifer Carlino produced a very colorful photo book of the Canoe River depicting wildlife and many events that the Committee has held.

May 3, 2007 - Mansfield Town Engineer John Sullivan gave a presentation to the Committee on Mansfield's NPDES Stormwater Permit.

May 12, 2007 - the Committee held its annual Awareness Day with a tour of Easton's new water pumping station on Red Mill Road and a canoe trip narrated by CRAAC member Jennifer Carlino.

November 5, 2007 - Chairman Southworth attended a training session at Bridgewater State College on behalf of the Committee regarding the Taunton River Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

2008

April 30, 2008 - CRAAC co-sponsored a Taunton River Watershed at the Southeastern Regional Vocational High School.

May 1, 2008 - Easton GIS Specialist Adrienne Edwards gave a presentation to the Committee on archaeology at the watershed level during the monthly meeting.

May 10, 2008 - the Committee held its annual Awareness Day at the LL Bean store in Mansfield.

September 2, 2008 - Jennifer Carlino, CRAAC member and Norton Conservation Agent, gave a slide presentation to the Committee on the results of the Habitat Evaluation of the Canoe River.

October 2, 2008 - State Representative Betty Poirier attended the monthly CRAAC meeting to update the Committee on current legislative issues.

2009

April 2, 2009 – Beth Suedmeyer, Inland Coordinator of the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Program at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, attended the Committee's monthly meeting to present an update of the ACEC Programs throughout the state.

April 2, 2009 – John Sullivan and Richard Alves from the Mansfield Engineering Department gave a presentation of the Mill Street campground dam repair project along the Canoe River. The Committee sent a letter of support for the project to the Mansfield Board of Selectmen.

May 9, 2009 - the Committee held its 22nd annual Awareness Day at Bass Pro Shop in Foxboro.

August 6, 2009 - David DeLorenzo from Massachusetts DEP met with the Committee to discuss the state's Revolving Fund Program and the need for regional sewer projects within the aquifer.

October 1, 2009 – Adrienne Edwards, Town of Easton GIS/CAD Specialist, presented a GPS tour of Canoe River on a large overhead screen with overlays of protected open space.

December 3, 2009 – the Committee learned that Suzanne Erikson, a dedicated and longtime member of CRAAC, had passed away in November.

2010

February 4, 2010 - Stephanie Danielson, Wetland Scientist/Easton Land Use Agent, and Marti Nover, Professional Wetland Scientist/Principal of Nover-Armstrong Associates, Inc., presented an update on the Taunton River Watershed at the Committee's monthly meeting.

February 4, 2010 – The Committee decided to send letters to the Boards of Selectmen and Conservation Commissions of the five CRAAC towns as a means to encourage more community involvement with CRAAC.

March 4, 2010 – Kathy Romero, Regional Planner, DEP Drinking Water Program, presented the Committee with an overview of her department.

April 1, 2010 - Nancy Fyler, Sharon Water Conservation Program Coordinator, discussed the Sharon Energy Fair. The Fair will take place in Sharon in September.

May 8, 2010 – the 23rd annual Awareness Day took place at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club.

June 3, 2010 - Norton resident George Yelle presented an informational talk and slide show describing the history of the Canoe River.

August 5, 2010 – Richard Alves, Jr., PE, Mansfield Interim Town Engineer, updated the Committee on the Canoe River Campground Dam project, first presented at the monthly meeting in April 2009.