

**CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2008**

Minutes of the meeting held by the Canoe River Advisory Committee on Thursday, September 4, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM at the Norton Public Library, Rte. 123. Norton, MA.

Members present: Wayne P. Southworth, Easton; Janice Fowler, Easton; John Fresh, Easton; Robert Boette, Foxboro; Leo Potter, Foxboro; Suzanne Erikson, Norton; Edward Tartufo, Mansfield; Dave Masciarelli, Sharon; Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Kevin O'Donnell, Mansfield.

I. Call to Order - Wayne Southworth called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

II. Review Minutes of August 7, 2008 - Boette/Fresh moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2008. VOTED

III. Open Space Map & Greenbelt Update - Leonard Flynn was unable to attend today. Carlino noted there are two articles on Norton's Town Meeting warrant. One will transfer a tax title piece of 5 acres along the Canoe River to the control of the Conservation Commission.

IV. DISCUSS DESIGN OF A NEW CRAAC BROCHURE – Wayne Southworth presented a draft tri-fold brochure for review and comments. Same was received as follows: with the GIS program can come up with a map; asked Jenn Carlino for some photographs (at least one with a canoe); perhaps we can use past verbiage; use the actual legislation that created the CRAAC; suggested using two 8.5x11" sheets which would allow use of 4 sides – then tri-fold same; could also make the size 11x17"; tri-fold fits into a pocket easier; should mention the 20th anniversary. Work on design to continue.

V. CANOE RIVER HABITAT EVALUATION PRESENTATION – JENNIFER CARLINO, NORTON CONSERVATION AGENT - Carlino noted this is the first presentation; study was just for the Town of Norton, have scheduled presentations at the Town Hall; presented a copy of the presentation for the CRAAC library and a review handout to members. The slide presentation noted the parcel areas, focus of the wildlife habitat evaluation, public events, volunteer hours, natural communities (15) – 6 wetland , 6 – upland, 3 unique communities (Alluvial Atlantic White Cedar Swamp, Atlantic White Cedar Swamp, Forest Seep); 35 potential vernal pools and certified vernal pools; 10 invasive plants; plant and animal species, and recommendations.

Comments: Great presentation; Easton might have some of the mapping; to whom should this be shown to get grants for other Towns; there needs to be dedication to carry such a study through to its completion.

VI. New Business and **VII. Old Business** - none.

Boette/Fresh moved to adjourn. VOTED

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM

Next meeting will be held in Mansfield on October 2, 2008.