

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2016

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado	appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2016
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2016
Town of Mattapoissett	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2016
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2016
	Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/2018
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard  
Judith Mooney, Town of Marion Finance  
Director

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of March 8, 2016 meeting  
Mr. Pierce motioned approval of the March 8, 2016 minutes, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of April 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce. Treasurer Pierce reported that there were only four transactions this month resulting in a balance of \$157,827.70. Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the Treasurer's report, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Zora reported that if the Town of Marion votes approval of \$65,000 towards the Tinkham land protection project, the full \$112,000 will not be needed from the MRVWSPAC. Mr. Renauld reported that he spoke with Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and if we receive all the requested grants, there shouldn't be a need for MRVWSPAC funding. The total grants/CPC funding requested is \$669,000 versus the total project cost of

\$654,000. Mr. Renauld explained that they have up until June 30<sup>th</sup> to close on the project. Mr. Underhill motioned to hold on funding for the project until we receive news of grant awards and CPC funding at town meetings, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Elizabeth Leidhold           \$ 216.00
- Megan McCarthy             \$ 104.00
- Tata & Howard               \$ 248.00

Treasurer Pierce motioned payment of the above referenced invoices, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

3.    Subcommittee Review of Walnut Plain Road, Rochester Plan  
Chairman Furtado explained that he met with Ms. Keese and Mr. Renauld to review the plan as a subcommittee, and he subsequently drafted correspondence to John Libby Associates stating that the MRVWSPAC has no objections to the project. The letter noted that due to the site location within the Mattapoissett River Valley watershed, a denitrification system is recommended.
  
4.    Surface Water Protection Bylaw  
Mr. Pierce explained that Mr. Underhill forwarded Rochester's town meeting article to him, and he distributed it to Marion's departments for review. After receiving comments from some town departments, the article was removed due to concerns and resubmitted with edits for the next town meeting. Mr. Pierce recognized and thanked Ms. Mooney and Town Counsel Jon Witten for their assistance.
  
5.    Old Business/New Business  
Mr. O'Neale reported that DEP sent out a letter explaining that Water Management Permit renewal timelines have been extended and are "on hold."  
  
Mr. O'Neale explained that he e-mailed MRVWSPAC members a copy of MGL Chapter 446 related to protection of water supplies and a provision that speaks to a person that unlawfully takes water.  
  
Mrs. Farinon reminded members that the MRVWDC budget includes funding towards monitoring the Mattapoissett River to meet WMA permit renewal requirements. She explained that the MRVWSPAC has invoiced the MRVWDC in the past, but didn't last year as an oversight. She recommended that the MRVWSPAC vote to request the funds so that it doesn't get lost in the

shuffle this year. Mr. Underhill motioned to invoice the MRVWDC for \$5,000 for river monitoring, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:35 p.m., Mr. Renault seconded, all in favor. Due to the Mattapoisett Town Meeting, the next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be delayed on week until Tuesday, May 17, 2016.