

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Jeffrey W. Osuch, Chairman Vinnie Furtado
Town of Marion	David Pierce, Treasurer Rob Zora
Town of Mattapoisett	Barry Denham William Nicholson
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon, Vice Chair Fred Underhill

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard
Attorney Tom Crotty

1. Acceptance of minutes of March 10, 2015
Mr. Pierce motioned to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting, Mr. Underhill seconded, and all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Copies of the April 1, 2015 treasurer's report were distributed by Treasurer Pierce who explained that it was a busy month with four checks issued to Tata & Howard (\$1,273.84), Meagan McCarthy (\$234.00), Debra Nettles (\$29.98) and the Town of Mattapoisett (\$50,000.00). The account balance as of April 1, 2015 is \$93,958.46, and total income for the period of July 1, 2014 through April 1, 2015 was \$84,894.84. Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the April 1, 2015 treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 710.49
- Elizabeth Leidhold \$ 304.00

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

3. Withdrawal of water from Mattapoissett River
Attorney Crotty distributed a draft proposed bylaw prepared to address the recent water withdrawal by Yard Boss. Attorney Crotty explained the draft Town bylaw, and that if the MRVWDC decided to do something on its own it would require a change in legislation. Attorney Crotty advised that representatives discuss the bylaw with their respective communities, especially the Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Denham expressed concern about cross contamination from one pond or stream to another. Ms. Farinon explained a filing under the Wetlands Protection Act was made by Yard Boss to withdraw surface water, and the Commission reviewed the truck and pump design because of concerns about cross contamination.

Discussion ensued about the aquifer protection districts in Mattapoissett and Rochester, and new well withdrawals. DEP approves water withdrawals over 100,000 gallons per day. It was noted that a number of large farms (Cervelli's, Johnathan Sprouts, etc.) have irrigation wells to water their fields. The proposed bylaw needs to address agricultural use, and possibly grandfather older existing uses.

Based upon the above referenced discussion, Attorney Crotty will redraft the bylaw and forward to MRVWSPAC representatives. He would like to focus on surface water withdrawals.

4. DEP Water Withdrawal Permit Renewal
Mr. O'Neale reported that Cape Cod received its order to complete. It is up to the water suppliers if they want a consult with DEP prior to the permit renewal process. It was agreed by all that a meeting is needed, and that a subcommittee of Mr. Zora, Mr. Osuch, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Underhill will meet with DEP.
5. Preparation of 2014 MRV Report
Mr. O'Neale reported that the 2013 report is still open, with recommendations on agricultural withdrawals and control of structures. The 2014 report still needs to be completed. All agreed that Tata & Howard should proceed on the 2014 report.
6. MRVWSPAC Laptop Purchase
Ms. Farinon reported that she received technical advice on the laptop purchase from both IT Director Matt Underhill and Tata & Howard IT specialist James Field. It has been narrowed down to a few units, which with software should not exceed \$1,000. Mr. O'Neale offered to have Tata & Howard purchase the unit on behalf of the MRVWSPAC so that nobody has to use their credit card and be reimbursed. Mr. Pierce motioned to spend up to \$1,000.00 for a laptop computer, software and printer, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.

7. Additional Invoices

The following additional invoices were presented for payment:

- Tom Crotty \$ 175.00
- Tom Crotty \$ 1,882.00
- USA Bluebook \$ 25.00

Mr. Pierce motioned payment of the above invoices, Mr. Furtado seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Pierce motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:34 p.m., Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2014.