

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 9, 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	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2016
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2016
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2016
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018

Others in attendance were:

Meghan Dineen, Tata & Howard

Absent members included:

Naida Parker	term expires: 4/2018
Barry Denham	term expires: 4/2016

Vice Chair Farinon called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., noting that due to the recent retirement of Chairman Osuch and Mr. Nicholson, she would be chairing the meeting until the committee reorganized.

1. Acceptance of minutes of January 20, 2016
Minutes have not been prepared yet and will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of February 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who explained that there was not much activity in the current month. There were two checks issued to Tata & Howard and Elizabeth Leidhold in the amount of \$623.61 and \$180.50 respectively, leaving a current balance of \$160,144.34. Treasurer Pierce reminded members that we have an expenditure of \$112,000 to be issued in April for the 114-acre Tinkham land purchase.

Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the above referenced Treasurer's report, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor (7-0-0).

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Elizabeth Leidhold \$ 252.00

Mr. Underhill motioned payment of the above referenced invoice, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor. (7-0-0)

3. Surface Water Protection Bylaw

Vice Chair Farinon distributed copies of the most recently revised Surface Water Protection Bylaw and summarized the edits by Town Counsel Blair Bailey. Ms. Farinon explained that the revised bylaw has been reviewed and approved by the Rochester Water Commission and Conservation Commission, and has been submitted to the Rochester BOS to be placed on the next Town Meeting. Mr. Furtado reported that he has submitted the bylaw for placement as an article on the next Fairhaven Town Meeting. Discussion ensued about the fact that the bylaw applies to all surface waters and not just the Mattapoissett River. The MRVWDC will be exploring rules and regulations for water withdrawal from the Mattapoissett River.

4. Committee Reorganization – Election of Officers

Vice Chair Farinon entertained a motion for election of officers due to the recent retirement of Mr. Osuch and Mr. Nicholson. Mr. Underhill motioned to reappoint the Treasurer (Mr. Pierce) and Secretary (Ms. Farinon), Mr. Furtado seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Chase nominated Mr. Furtado for chairman of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Furtado nominated Mr. Renauld for vice chairman of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

The final approved MRVWPAC 2016 slate of officers is as follows:

Vincent Furtado	Chairman
Henri Renauld	Vice Chairman
David Pierce	Treasurer
Laurell Farinon	Secretary

5. MRV Data Collection

Ms. Dineen reported that they have received the new equipment and a round of sampling has been done. The new equipment is user friendly, and there have been no issues. The data will be compiled and transmitted to Ms. McCarthy. It was noted that there were issues related to collecting data at certain wells due to extremely high water levels and/or frozen conditions. The MRVWSPAC noted that Ms. Leidhold should utilize Mr. Watling whenever needed for assistance.

The 2014 and 2014 water monitoring reports are complete and under internal review at Tata & Howard.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:28 p.m., Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.