

Mattapoisett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2017

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 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
	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely

Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2017
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2017

Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2017
	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2017
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2017

Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2018
	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018

Others in attendance were: Patrick O'Neale Tata & Howard

Absent Members: Paul Dawson term expires: 6/2017

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of January 10, 2017 meeting  
Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the January 10, 2017 minutes, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Pierce reported that it was a typical month with payments to Tata & Howard (\$2,318.40), William David Watling (\$213.98), and Megan McCarthy (\$117.00). Since our last report, we received an interest payment in the amount of \$18.41 from Rockland Trust. Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of January 1, 2017 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who reported that the current balance is \$216,446.66.

Mr. Chase motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard                 \$ 3,663.86
- David Watling                 \$ 213.98
- Meaghan McCarthy           \$ 117.00

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

Discussion ensued about payment of website renewal fees if Nettles Design is unable to process payment. Mr. Nicholson motioned to have Tata & Howard pay the website invoices and then charge the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

3. MRVWSPAC Draft Annual Report

Mrs. Farinon distributed copies of the draft 2016 MRVWSPAC Annual Report for review and approval. The group accepted the report and requested that Nettles Design be added to the team of consultants recognized in the report.

4. 2018 MRVWSPAC Assessment Calculations

Mr. Renauld distributed the MRVWSPAC 2018 Assessment calculation based upon the assessment rate of .01/100 gallons pumped in the calendar year 2015. The assessments are as follows:

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|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| • Fairhaven    | 466,158,000 gallons    | \$46,615.80 |
| • Mattapoisett | 183,045,600            | \$18,304.56 |
| • Marion       | 74,659,000 MRV         |             |
|                | 122,820,000 Perry Hill | \$19,747.90 |

5. Land Protection in Mattapoisett River Valley

Mr. Nicholson distributed copies of the map entitled Mattapoisett River Drinking Water Supply Lands Protected by Buzzards Bay Coalition and Partners dated September 19, 2016.

6. Discuss Subcommittee Approval of Milka Solar Project off New Bedford Road in Rochester

Chairman Furtado reported that the subcommittee sent a comment letter regarding the Milka Solar project off New Bedford Road.

7. MRV Monitoring Reports

Mr. O’Neale reported that Tata and Howard posted the 2014 reports and the 2015 reports will be posted next week. He distributed graphs entitled MW-1D -3D and 25<sup>th</sup> percentile 2015, MW-1D-3D Elevation and 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile January 2016 through November 2016.

8. New Business/Old Business

Mr. O’Neale discussed the status of WMA permit renewals, and reported that DEP has had meetings with Falmouth and Cotuit: DEP is selecting communities that are less challenging to move them forward. They haven’t said anything about this basin.

Mr. O’Neale reported that Mass Waterworks is considering filing legislation requiring sellers with homes that have lead service lines to notify buyers.

Chairman Furtado reported that he went before the Fairhaven CPC committee about the \$20,000 request for money to acquire the Roy Hawkes property. He said he received a positive reception. Mr. Renauld reported that Mattapoisett was receptive to the CPC request. Mr. Zora reported that the DEP site visit of the Roy Hawkes property went well.

Mr. Underhill distributed a summary of investment options for MRVWSPAC funds, including putting \$80,000 into a C/D at Rockland Trust for a year. He explained that we are presently getting 1/10 of 1% interest on the checking account, and interest rates are trending up. Discussion ensued about the options presented, and the group decided to keep an eye on the rates and stay in the present account.

Treasurer Pierce suggested that it was an appropriate time to review the salaries of subcontractors David Watling and Meagan McCarthy. Ms. Keese motioned to increase Ms. McCarthy’s hourly rate from \$26 per hour to \$27 per hour, and increase Mr. Watling from \$31 per hour to \$32 per hours, Mr. Furtado seconded, all in favor.

The meeting of the MRVWSPAC was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.