

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

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, July 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
Town of Marion	David Pierce, Treasurer Rob Zora
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase William Nicholson
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon, Vice Chair Fred Underhill

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of June 9, 2015

Mr. Pierce motioned to amend the minutes to say 10,000 gallons per day in place of 100,000 gallons per day, Mr. Underhill seconded, and all in favor.

Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the amended minutes, Mr. Pierce seconded, and all in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the year end treasurer's report were distributed by Treasurer Pierce who explained that it was a fairly active month with four checks issued to Tata & Howard (\$2,151.57), Meagan McCarthy (\$299.00), and 2 checks totaling \$741.00 to Thomas Crotty. The balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$85,359.29. The total income for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 was \$84,911.11. The total payments for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 were \$76,705.79.

Mr. Underhill asked if it would make sense to invest in a CD to gain a little more interest. Treasurer Pierce responded that he will speak to the Fairhaven Treasurer about options. Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard                 \$     942.64
- Megan McCarthy             \$     143.00
- Tom Crotty                    \$     370.50

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

3. DEP Water Withdrawal Permit Renewal

Mr. Osuch reported that he hasn't heard from anybody at DEP. Sarah Williams from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program prepared maps illustrating MRV land protection projects since the year 2000. He hasn't heard anything from Susan Connors.

Mr. O'Neale reported that the Cape Cod group has hired attorney John Whitten. A letter was filed protesting how DEP figured their demand forecast. DEP has granted all water suppliers a 120 day extension.

Mr. Underhill recommended that we have Representative Straus coordinate a meeting with Commissioner Beaton.

Mr. O'Neale reported that Tata & Howard filed applications for all three communities. He recommended that we wait for the Order to Complete, and use that as the basis for the next step. He anticipates that it will be released in September.

4. Withdrawal of surface water from Mattapoisett River

Chairman Osuch distributed Attorney Crotty's redraft of the bylaw. Mr. Chase motioned to accept the draft, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

5. MRV Data Collection

Mr. Osuch reported that that due to an injury, Elizabeth Leidhold was still unable to collect MRV data. Meghan Dineen of Tata & Howard has been collecting the data for the past few months. Mr. Underhill relayed that Rochester Herring Inspector may possibly be interested in doing the data collection as a back-up, and will inquire if he is willing to do it. Mr. Pierce motioned that Mr. Underhill contact Mr. Watling and \$30 per hour for data collection if he's interested, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.

6. Annual Monitoring Reports

Mr. O'Neale reported that Tata & Howard is completing the 2013 report, and finalizing a budget for preparation of the 2014 report. It was agreed that voting on the budget for the 2014 report would be an agenda item at the August meeting.

Mr. Pierce motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:37 p.m., Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.