

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee held a joint meeting with the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado Jeffrey Furtado	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce Rob Zora Jonathan Henry	term expires: 6/ 2018 term expires: 6/ 2018 term expires:
Town of Mattapoissett	Henri Renauld Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Sandy Keese Laurell J. Farinon Rick Charon	appointed indefinitely term expires: 4/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2021
Others in attendance were:	Patrick O'Neale	Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Paul Dawson William Nicholson Mark Rees	term expires: 6/2018 term expires: 4/ 2020 appointed indefinitely

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting
Mr. Jeff Furtado motioned acceptance of the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed the Treasurer's Report for June 1, 2018 and summarized that checks were written to Tata & Howard (\$1,536.66) and Mr. Watling (\$226.98) and deposits of \$69.55 from Rockland Trust and \$5000 from the MRVWD leave a current ending balance is \$183,325.06. Total payments made to date equal \$15,054.66, and total income to date is \$90,016.57.

Mr. Jeff Furtado motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 2,065.21
- David Watling \$ 226.98

Mr. O'Neale noted that his \$2,065.21 invoice includes charges of \$500 for survey by G.A.F. Engineering and \$620 from Solinst. Said charges are related to the new piezometer installed at Snow's Pond.

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

3. Mattapoissett River Operations

Mr. Renauld distributed copies of the draft "*Dam Maintenance and Operation Agreement*" to MRVWSPAC members for review and noted that there are a few deficiencies to be corrected.

Mr. O'Neale reported that the new Snow's Pond transducer will not connect to the system and has been mailed back to Solinst. Mr. Renauld suggested that the MRVWSPAC should purchase a back-up transducer to be available in the event that one breaks down. We could potentially lose significant valuable data. Mr. Jeff Furtado motioned that the MRVWSPAC purchase a new transducer to be used as a back-up, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

Mrs. Farinon reported that she spoke with Mr. Watling and he has concerns with the following MRV monitoring locations:

1. North Avenue- Sediment in the well head has collected and impedes the transducer from going up and down.
2. Behind the MRV Water Treatment Plant – The well casing has been disturbed and is at an angle.
3. Acushnet Road- Silt may have worked in through the open pipe. The transducer rests on the silt.
4. The SG wells do not have a plastic liner.
5. Measurements are taken from both the top of plastic and metal, and he would like to know which measurement is used.

Discussion ensued regarding the list of concerns by Mr. Watling, and it was agreed that the stations need to be inspected.

4. Update Minutes

Ms. McCarthy will contact Mrs. Farinon to obtain minutes to compile into a pdf.

5. New Business

Chairman Furtado explained that the subcommittee that reviewed new development in the MRV watershed received an inquiry from Mr. Bob Rogers from G.A.F. Engineering regarding the proposed subdivision of land off Estabrook Way in Rochester. Mr. Rogers was in attendance and explained that the Rochester Land Trust was purchasing a portion of the Estabrook property and there is no proposed development as the land will be used as a nature trail. Chairman Furtado read aloud a draft response letter from the MRVWSPAC stating that the proposed subdivision of land will not adversely impact the Mattapoissett River basin. Mrs. Farinon motioned approval of said draft letter to be provided to the Rochester Planning Board, Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.

Chairman Furtado stated that he received a separate subdivision plan submittal for property off Featherbed Lane in Rochester. Upon review of the plan by the group, it was decided that further explanation was necessary. Chairman Furtado will contact the engineer on behalf of the MRVWSPAC with questions about the layout.

Mr. Pierce motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 6:08 p.m., Mr. Henry seconded, all in favor.