

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2017

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 13, 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
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2017
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2017
Town of Mattapoissett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2017
Town of Rochester	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
Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely
Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2018
Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2017
Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2017

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of May 9, 2017 meeting  
Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Pierce reviewed the Treasurers Report. There were five checks issued in May with an ending balance of \$209, 021.90.  
  
Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard                   \$ 310.78
- David Watling                   \$ 220.48
- Megan McCarthy               \$ amount was not available but approved  
for payment
- Marion land purchase       \$100,000.00

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

3. WMA Permits

Mr. O’Neale reviewed status of permits and that WMA Registration renewals were due June 30. MassDEP claims that Registrations were extended by the Permit Extension Act and renewals are not required. TH to confirm requirement and send Water Superintendents applications.

4. Establishment of Important Calendar Dates

Mr. O’Neale provided a summary of important dates and action items from the Advisory Committee Legislation and By-laws generated by the sub-committee. Committee agreed to have election of officers annually in September. Mr. O’Neale noted that the Legislation allows for the Committee to assess the annual water withdrawal fee to private permitted or registered withdrawals in the valley. Tata & Howard is to check on withdrawals which may be subject to the fee. Committee also asked Mr. O’Neale to contact Mr. Osuch to see if he had any more insight into the Committee history.

5. Straus legislation

Mr. Underhill reported that legislation Representative Straus filed (H3600 Amendment) that provides for cranberry growers to transfer or sell water registrations for mitigation did not pass. Representative Straus will refile.

6. MRVWSPAC Bylaw Changes

Mr. Nicholson distributed copies of MRVWSPAC bylaws and organizational information.

Mr. Underhill motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:20 p.m., Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.