

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2016

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

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| 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  |
|                       | William Nicholson  |                        |
|                       | 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: Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of May 7, 2016 meeting  
Mr. Pierce motioned approval of the May 7, 2016 minutes, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor with Mr. Chase abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of June 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who reported that there was only one check written this past month (\$143 to Meagan McCarthy) leaving a balance of \$158,129.72. He further reported that there is only one more month in the fiscal year, and as of this date we have paid out \$11,333.72. We are still awaiting reconciliation of two months interest. Mr. Chase motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's report, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoice:

- Meagan McCarthy \$ 117.00
- Elizabeth Leidhold \$ 216.00

- Tata & Howard \$ 712.67

Mr. Pierce motioned payment of the above referenced invoice, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

3. Status of MRV Water Monitoring Reports

Mr. O'Neale reported that the 2013 MRV Water Monitoring Report is completed but not posted: the 2014 and 2015 reports have yet to be completed. He said it is up to the MRVWSPAC as to whether they want to continue with annual reports. Mr. Pierce requested a summary sheet detailing the recommendations of the 2013 report.

4. Land Acquisition Near MRV Wells

Mrs. Farinon explained that the Towns of Rochester and Mattapoisett recently submitted grant applications to the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program Municipal Mini-grant Program requesting \$35,000 each for the Branch Brook Land Preservation Project. The grant seeks funding for the purchase of 164-acres owned by Lorraine Roy Hawkes off Wolf Island Road directly adjacent to the Marion Water Department well site. Mrs. Farinon explained that the Buzzards Bay Coalition signed a purchase & sale agreement with Mrs. Roy Hawkes and an appraisal is presently being done. Funding for the land acquisition will need to come from a combination of grants, the MRVWSPAC, and possible CPA or town meeting. Mrs. Farinon distributed maps and introduced the project to the MRVWSPAC and explained that since very little money was needed for the Tinkham project, the committee might consider funding permanent protection of this important property next to the Town of Marion well.

Mr. Renauld reported that he reviewed this project with Town Administrator Gagne, and they believe it is important to think ahead when drafting Conservation Restrictions (CR) on water supply land. Mr. Renauld commented that the CR should include language in the reserved rights section that allows for replacing wells and/or exploration for additional/replacement wells.

5. Old Business/New Business

Mr. Underhill reported that the surface water bylaw passed overwhelmingly at the Rochester annual town meeting.

It was agreed by all that a letter of thanks and recognition should be sent to Mr. Denham for his many years of service. Secretary Farinon will draft said letter on behalf of the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:20 p.m., Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.