

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2018

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee held a joint meeting with the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission on Tuesday, March 22, 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	appointed indefinitely
	Jeffrey Furtado	appointed indefinitely
	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2018
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2018
Town of Mattapoissett	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020
	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2018
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018
Others in attendance were:	Patrick O'Neale	Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Paul Dawson	term expires: 6/2018
	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting
Mr. Underhill motioned acceptance of the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed the Treasurer's Report for March 1, 2018 and summarized that it was a fairly quite month financially with only one deposit from Rockland Trust in the amount of \$26.55 and checks written to William David Watling (\$226.98) and Tata & Howard (\$511.17). The current ending balance is \$183,797.20, total payments made to date equal \$9,393.98, and total income to date is \$84,828.03.

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 \$ 954.50
- David Watling-2-19-18 \$ 226.98
- David Watling-3-19-18 \$ 226.98

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

3. Snow's Pond Monitoring Point

Mrs. Farinon reported that Mr. Peter Newton of Bristol Engineering Advisors provided consulting services to the Rochester Conservation Commission for the Decas project off Neck Road in Rochester related to the tailwater recovery pond that was dug too deep. She explained that the monitoring point installed on Snow's Pond was vandalized and a new point was installed on Mr. Bob Lawrence's property in order for the MRVWSPAC to study the regional aquifer. Mrs. Farinon requested that the MRVWSPAC pay the \$1,250 in hydrogeological engineering consulting services associated with the new monitoring point installation. Mr. Underhill motioned to have Bristol Engineering Advisors invoice the MRVWSPAC for hydrogeological consulting services provided on the Snow's Pond monitoring point installation, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Mr. O'Neale reported that G.A.F. is working on surveying the monitoring point, and Tata & Howard has ordered the transducer and will co-ordinate installation.

4. Report on flow from Hartley Pond and impact on potential river gauge on Rounseville Road

Mr. O'Neale explained that he looked at the Hartley Road property and reported that in his opinion it is not worth it to install a monitoring point at this location. He does not believe enough information will be gained to justify the cost of installation and future monitoring.

5. MRVWSPAC Web Domain Name Renewal

Mr. O'Neale reported that he investigated the domain name renewal and it is done on a yearly basis. Since the name was just renewed, he will look at options for a longer renewal next year.

6. Randall Property off Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett, Map 21, Lots 68 & 78

Mr. Renauld reported that after a number of years of preliminary discussions between the Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department and Mr. Gerald Randall regarding purchasing his property, Mr. Randall approached Mr. Renauld about finalizing a deal. Mr. Randall owns approximately 28-acres off Acushnet Road designated as Map 21, Lot 68 (7.9-acres) and Map 21, Lot 78 (20.12-

acres) located within the Mattapoissett River Zone II with over 1,000 linear feet of frontage on the Mattapoissett River near Mattapoissett's #2 pumping station. Mr. Renauld distributed copies of an appraisal of the subject property by Appraisal Company of New England determining the subject parcels to have an estimated market value of \$375,000. Mr. Renauld reported that Mr. Randall was willing to accept \$250,000 for the property but the deal needs to be done soon.

Mr. Renauld explained that the Mattapoissett Water & Sewer Commission is submitting an article for the upcoming annual town meeting requesting funds to purchase the Randall property, requested that the MRVWSPAC consider committing funds as it has done on other Zone II land protection projects. Mrs. Farinon reported that the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program will be soon opening up a new grant round, and that this project would most likely rank very highly. Mr. Silva interjected that money will be tight at the upcoming Mattapoissett Town Meeting. Discussion ensued about the critical nature of the property and its proximity to the town of Mattapoissett's existing pumping station.

Mr. Zora motioned that the MRVWSPAC commit up to \$100,000 towards the project, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

7. Old Business/New Business

Mr. O'Neale reported that he received correspondence regarding permit requirements for the Ipswich River Basin, which is a model basin for water suppliers. It included provisions like not allowing more water withdrawal, flow triggers, irrigation system bylaw, etc. Mr. O'Neale will forward a copy of the e-mail to MRVWSPAC members.

Mr. Underhill motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:50 p.m., Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.