

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Vinnie Furtado
Town of Marion	David Pierce, Treasurer Rob Zora
Town of Mattapoisett	Barry Denham William Nicholson
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon, Vice Chair Fred Underhill

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard
Henri Renauld

1. Acceptance of minutes of April 14, 2015
Mr. Pierce motioned to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting, Mr. Underhill seconded, and all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Copies of the May 1, 2015 treasurer's report were distributed by Treasurer Pierce who explained that it was a busy month with checks issued to Tata & Howard (\$710.49), Elizabeth Leidhold (\$304.00), Thomas Crotty (\$1,883.00 and \$175.50) and USA Bluebook (\$25.00). The account balance as of May 1, 2015 is \$90,868.20, and total income for the period of July 1, 2014 through May 1, 2015 was \$84,901.57. Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the May 1, 2015 treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 2,326.88

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

3. Withdrawal of surface water from Mattapoisett River

Chairman Osuch distributed revised copies of the Protection of Water Sources and Supply bylaw and asked committee members to review for the next meeting due to a full agenda.

4. DEP Water Withdrawal Permit Renewal

Mr. Osuch reported that MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC representatives met on May 7, 2015 with Duane Levangie and Susan Connors of DEP SERO. Mr. O'Neale distributed minutes of the meeting, a spreadsheet illustrating baseline totals, and a sub-watershed map of the Mattapoisett River Valley. Mr. Osuch summarized the following items discussed at the meeting: annual statistical report, permit withdrawal volume, permit renewal/new permit, mitigation plan/credits, minimization plan, triggers/water use restrictions, and bylaws.

Mr. O'Neale stated that the communities may want to apply for water withdrawal permits as a group. DEP will reduce all allowable authorized water withdrawals. Mr. Osuch commented that he would like to argue the assumptions made in figuring water usage and mitigation: the scoring system is not finalized.

5. MRV Data Collection

Mr. O'Neale reported that due to an injury, Elizabeth Leidhold was unable to collect MRV data. Meghan Dineen of Tata & Howard collected the data last month. Chairman Osuch stated that the group needs to address the larger issue of having a backup plan for data collection, and requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:44 p.m., Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2014.