

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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:

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	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2016
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2016
	Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/2018
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard
Allen Decker, Buzzards Bay Coalition

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of April 12, 2016 meeting
Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the April 12, 2016 minutes, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of May 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce. Treasurer Pierce reported that there were only three checks written this month this month resulting in a balance of \$158,272.72. He further reported that there were two errors in the information received from Fairhaven. Only eight of the past ten months showed interest accrued. The Town of Fairhaven is looking into the discrepancy. Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the Treasurer's report, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoice:

- Megan McCarthy \$ 143.00

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

3. Surface Water Protection Bylaw

Mr. Furtado explained that he presented the surface water protection bylaw at the Fairhaven precinct meeting in advance of the annual town meeting and received about ½ dozen questions. The article passed easily at the subsequent annual town meeting.

Mr. Pierce explained that Marion has put off the article until the next special town meeting in Marion; he does not anticipate any problems with the article. Mr. Renauld explained that the article was withdrawn in Mattapoisett, but will be resubmitted in the fall. Mr. Underhill reported that the article is on the warrant for the Rochester annual town meeting to be held on June 13, 2016.

Mr. Furtado reported that Fairhaven approved \$65,000 in CPC money for the land acquisition project: \$15,000 for trails was approved.

4. Land Acquisition Update

Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition was in attendance to provide an update on the Tinkham aquifer protection project. He reported that the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett both approved \$65,000 towards the project, with Fairhaven agreeing to put in more for public access and parking.

Mr. Decker explained that even though the MRVWSPAC previously approved \$112,000 in funding for the Tinkham project, they will probably only need \$10,000 - \$20,000 for the closing from the MRVWSPAC. They plan to close on the property before the end of June, and will be going before the Water Commission with a draft Conservation Restriction. There will be public access for passive recreation and trails access to the river.

Mr. Decker thanked the MRVWSPAC for its support in committing \$112,000 to the project, and is pleased that the full amount is not needed and can be used for other Mattapoisett River Valley projects. Mr. Pierce commented that it is comforting that all three communities with town meeting articles understand the importance of protection of the Mattapoisett River aquifer.

5. Old Business/New Business

Chairman Furtado explained that there was a request for information filed with the MRVWSPAC related to the town of Mattapoisett Conservation Commission legal issue. The request for information was fulfilled upon receipt.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:32 p.m., Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.