

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, 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	appointed indefinitely
	Vincent Furtado	appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2016
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2016
Town of Mattapoissett	William Nicholson	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
Henri Renauld, Town of Mattapoissett

Absent members included:

Naida Parker	term expires: 4/2018
Barry Denham	term expires: 4/2016
Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2016

1. Acceptance of minutes of October 13, 2015
Mr. Pierce motioned to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, Mr. Underhill seconded, and all in favor. (7-0-0)
2. Treasurer's Report
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of November 1, 2015 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who explained that there were four transactions this month with payments to Tata & Howard (\$911.90), Meagan McCarthy (\$117.00), Elizabeth Leidhold (\$103.00), and David Watling (\$450.00). As of this date we do not have payment yet from the Town of Mattapoissett, however he received confirmation that payment went through on October 19th. Treasurer Pierce noted that interest payments in July, September and October are missing from the bank statement. He knows it is not correct, and is looking to get it rectified.

Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the above referenced Treasurer's report, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor (7-0-0).

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 1,133.79

Mr. Pierce motioned payment of the above referenced invoices, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor. (7-0-0)

3. Discuss Yard Boss Water Withdrawal from Mattapoissett River and its watershed

Chairman Osuch explained that he received a photograph of a Yard Boss truck withdrawing water at the Route 6 Mattapoissett property controlled and managed by the Town of Fairhaven Public Works Department. It was agreed by all that the property should be posted by the Town of Fairhaven to prohibit water withdrawal.

Mrs. Farinon explained that she contacted DEP SERO and spoke with both Jim McLaughlin of the WMA section, as well as Jim Mahala, acting wetlands section chief. Under the MA Wetlands Protection Act, Commissions would need to prove that there would be alteration to the wetland resource area as a result of the water withdrawal.

The communities are working to adopt the Surface Water Protection Bylaw drafted by Attorney Crotty, and revised/updated by Blair Bailey, Town Counsel for the Town of Rochester. Mr. Underhill explained that the bylaw was modified to take out the reference to private wells.

4. Tinkham Land Protection Project – Appointment for Discussion – Brendan Annett, Vice President, Watershed Protection, Buzzards Bay Coalition

Mr. Nicholson distributed maps showing the Mattapoissett River Aquifer Protection Project and explained the 114-acre Howard Tinkham lands to be acquired and permanently protected. The majority of the land is in a Zone II protection area. The appraised value of the three parcels is \$640,000, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) has a signed Purchase & Sale agreement for \$628,000. The total project cost is approximately \$658,000 with closing costs, property line survey, etc. Mr. Annett explained that BBC has applied for DEP's Drinking Water Supply Grant.

Mr. Pierce motioned the expenditure of \$112,000 to be issued in April 2016 for the 114-acre Tinkham land acquisition, contingent upon receipt of the MA Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant and support from Mattapoissett and Fairhaven, Community Preservation Committees. Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor. (7-0-0)

5. MRV Data Collection

Mr. O'Neale explained that a new data logger is needed, and the replacement cost is \$234.00. Mr. Pierce motioned appropriation of \$234.00 for a new data logger, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor. (7-0-0)

Discussion ensued about approaching the Marion Community Preservation Committee for funding for the Tinkham land acquisition. Mr. Annett responded that he would look into it, and pursue all other funding sources for the project.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:50 p.m., Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.