

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee held a joint meeting with the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2018
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2018
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020
	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
	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
	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of October 10, 2017 meeting
Mr. Nicholson motioned acceptance of the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed the Treasurer's Report for November 1, 2017 and summarized that there was a fair amount of activity this past month with four checks being written to William David Watling (\$220.48), Tata & Howard (\$1,677.79) and Meagan McCarthy (\$175.50), and deposits of \$18,304.56 from the Town of Mattapoisett and \$22.43 from Rockland Trust. The current ending balance is \$188,479.16, total payments made to date equaled \$4,392.57, and total income to date is \$84,729.56.

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 \$ 1,480.37
- David Watling \$ 220.48
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 162.00

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

3. Proposed Bylaw Changes

Mr. O’Neale distributed copies of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee By-Laws (Revised – October 28, 198, Section 5) and the proposed November 14, 2017 Amendments. He explained that proposed amendment #1 is insertion of section 4.4 *Treasurer – The Treasurer shall manage the financial assets and liabilities of the Committee.*

Amendment #2 is insertion of section 5.4 *A quorum shall be seven members, and include at least one (1) representative from each Member Town.*

Mr. Pierce motioned acceptance of the above referenced bylaw additions, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Nicholson recommended that the bylaw changes should be incorporated into the bylaws and finalized with a revision date. Tata & Howard will work on said changes and update the summary.

4. Buzzards Bay Coalition Letter of Support

Chairman Furtado distributed copies of the March 23, 2017 letter from the Buzzards Bay Coalition detailing Drinking Water & Land Protection in the Mattapoisett River Valley.

5. Snow’s Pond – Bristol Engineering Advisors Coordination

Mrs. Farinon explained that Bristol Engineering Advisors is looking to install a piezometer on Snow’s Pond to replace the one that was vandalized. The monitoring point was installed to measure water levels in the aquifer adjacent to the Decas tailwater pond. Mrs. Farinon said she would like to see a transducer added to the well point and the location added to the stations monitored monthly along the Mattapoisett River by David Watling.

Mrs. Farinon is working with hydrogeologist Peter Newton to find a suitable location that will not draw attention or impede swimming or boating. Discussion ensued about the need to survey the piezometer location, and for an agreement to cross private property to collect data. Mrs. Farinon will consult with Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey about drafting an agreement.

Mr. Underhill motioned to authorize Tata & Howard to purchase a piezometer unit on behalf of the MRVWSPAC to be installed at Snow's Pond, Mr. Pierce seconded the motion, all in favor.

6. Drought Update

Mr. O'Neale reported that the Drought Advisory Committee was due to meet, but due to the increased amount of rainfall in the past ten days and recovery of all indices, the meeting was cancelled. All wells were trending up dramatically at the end of September, and are currently above the 25th percentile.

7. Old Business/New Business

Treasurer Pierce reported that he received a document from the Town of Fairhaven about a double payment. He will investigate and report back to the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. O'Neale reported that the director of MA Waterworks sent a letter informing suppliers about draft legislation related to public water suppliers. He will forward it to the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. Underhill motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:35 p.m., Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.