

Mattapoisett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2016

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 8, 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
	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	Paul Dawson	term expires: 6/2017
	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2017
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2017
Town of Mattapoisett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2017
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2017
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2018
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018
Others in attendance were:	Meghan Davis	Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2017

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of October 11, 2016 meeting  
Mr. Underhill motioned approval of the October 11, 2016 minutes, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Pierce reported that there were three transactions in the prior month, with payments to Tata & Howard (\$4,560.48), William David Watling (\$213.98) and an interest payment from Rockland Trust (\$19.73). Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of November 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who reported that the current balance is \$222,377.54.

Treasurer Pierce suggested that the MRVWSPAC should investigate putting funds in a more aggressive account. Mr. Renauld reminded the MRVWSPAC that we committed \$100,000 towards permanent protection of the Roy Hawkes property, so the funds will need to be available at the end of the fiscal year. Treasurer Pierce will research short term CD options and report back to the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. Renauld motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard                   \$ 2,936.74
- David Watling                   \$ 213.98
- Meaghan McCarthy           \$ 169.00

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

3. Discuss Drought/Water Restriction

Mr. Renauld reported that the Drought Task Force determined that our area is in a severe advisory watch, and full water bans are still in place. He has been getting calls about doing fire hydrant flow tests. Some communities are lifting bans, but Mr. Renauld stated we should continue to monitor on a month by month basis. Mr. Zora reported that the Town of Marion has given waivers to a few applicants.

Mr. Nicholson inquired if anyone has been monitoring the observation wells. Mr. Renauld responded that there have been some glitches with the SCADA system that Woodard and Curran will be troubleshooting. The state has been looking at surface water and ground water levels: the lower end of the Mattapoisett River water levels have come up.

Mr. Underhill noted that the Lakeville Pond levels are the lowest they've been since 1949. Ms. Davis reported that the MRV water levels at North Avenue indicate that water is moving in a northerly direction.

Mr. Renauld reported that he saw an excellent presentation by a representative of NOAA that he thinks all will be interested in. He will try to set something up for next month if the presenter is available.

4. Buzzards Bay Coalition Letter of Support

Chairman Furtado distributed hard copies of the e-mail he received from Buzzards Bay Coalition Executive Director Mark Rasmussen requesting to come to the January or February 2017 meeting to present the 15-year Land Protection Report.

5. New Business/Old Business

Mr. Pierce inquired about the arrangement for MRV data reduction and graphing, as he would like to see the work continue to be done as cost effectively as possible. Ms. Davis responded that Tata & Howard utilizes data from Ms. McCarthy and draws analysis from it when preparing annual reports. Ms. Davis will consult with Mr. O'Neale to determine if additional data will be needed.

Mr. Nicholson expressed concern about outdated information on the MRVWSPAC website. Ms. Farinon reported that Debra Nettles updated the website a few months ago, but she will review it to make sure all appropriate updates are made.

The meeting of the MRVWSPAC was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.