

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 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	Paul Dawson	term expires: 6/2017
	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2017
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2017
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2017
	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2017
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2017
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2018
	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
	Fred Underhill	term expires: 4/ 2018
Others in attendance were:	Patrick O'Neale	Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of September 13, 2016 meeting
Mr. Zora motioned approval of the September 13, 2016 minutes with minor corrections noted by Mr. Pierce, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce reported that it was a busy month with the payment of seven (7) invoices. Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of October 1, 2016 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who reported that the current balance is \$227,132.27.

Mr. Underhill motioned that the MRVWSPAC give Treasurer Pierce authorization to revise Mr. Watling's invoices to include appropriate transportation costs, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer Pierce reported that he communicated with Ms. McCarthy, and she plans to continue to perform MRVWSPAC graphing. There was a minor delay in producing graphs last month due to her increased workload. All were pleased to learn that Ms. McCarthy will continue her good work on behalf of the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. Chase motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 4,560.48
- David Watling \$ 213.98

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

3. Discuss Drought/Water Restriction

Mr. O'Neale reported that water levels in wells 2S and 2D dropped 2.75 feet and 2 feet respectively. Mr. Renauld reported that water levels are up in the river with no dry spots. Mr. Nicholson distributed a spreadsheet for the month of September showing Tri-town pumping and rainfall.

4. Annual Report and Updates

Mr. O'Neale reported that conclusions and recommendations have been forwarded to MRVWSPAC members. Tata & Howard recommends that the group actively communicate with agricultural property owners in the MRV, herring wardens, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding water management. They further recommended that flow measurements be converted at culvert crossings in order to establish a rating curve, and better correlate to rain events.

Mr. O'Neale reported that he contacted DEP SERO and learned that no comments have been submitted regarding the MRV permit renewal applications. Minimization and mitigation requirements have still not been set.

5. Plan Review

Ms. Farinon reported that she anticipates a filing with the Planning Board for a proposed solar array by Bill Milka off New Bedford Road within the Groundwater Protection District. Some members expressed concern about possible contamination from solar panel inner liquids if damaged. The subject property directly abuts Marion Water Department property.

6. Meeting with Local Legislators

Mr. Silva reported that he had a conversation with Senator Montigny's office about setting up a meeting, but he cannot commit to a specific time and/or date. It was suggested that the group set the meeting date and he will make it if he is able. It was agreed by all that much could be gained from meeting with legislators, including pressuring DEP to specify minimization/mitigation requirements. All will work on getting their representatives to attend.

Mr. Chase motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:43 p.m., Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.