

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 3:38 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	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2018
	Rob Zora	term expires: 6/ 2018
Town of Mattapoisett	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	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
William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020
Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of August 8, 2017 meeting
Mr. Pierce motioned to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed the Treasurer's Report for September 1, 2017 and reported that we have received the annual assessments from the Towns of Marion & Fairhaven. Mr. Renauld will investigate the status of the Mattapoisett's invoice payment. Treasure Pierce summarized that there was a fair amount of activity this past month with three checks being written to William David Watling (\$220.48), Tata & Howard (\$395.54) and Meagan

McCarthy (\$162.00), and receipts from the Town of Fairhaven (\$46,615.80) and Town of Marion (\$19,747.90) and Rockland Trust (\$17.54). The current ending balance is \$173,570.39, total payments equaled \$1,173.50, and total income to date is \$66,381.24.

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 \$ 762.82
- David Watling \$ 220.48
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 162.00

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

3. Election of Officers

Position of Chairperson

Mr. Pierce motioned that Mr. Furtado remain as chairman of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

Position of Vice Chairperson

Mr. Furtado motioned that Mr. Renauld remain as vice chairman, Mr. Zora seconded, all in favor.

Position of Treasurer

Mr. Underhill motioned that Mr. Pierce remain as treasurer, Mr. Rees seconded, all in favor.

Position of Secretary

Mr. Underhill motioned that Mrs. Farinon remain as secretary, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

The final elected slate of MRVWSPAC is as follows:

Chairman	Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven
Vice Chairman	Henri Renauld, Mattapoissett
Treasurer	David Pierce, Marion
Secretary	Laurell J. Farinon, Rochester

4. Consolidation of Meeting Minutes by Meagan McCarthy

Mr. Pierce reported that Meagan McCarthy is in the process of consolidating MRVWSPAC meeting minutes.

5. Update Committee Yearly Calendar

Mr. O'Neale reported that the committee yearly calendar has been modified to incorporate a recommended change in bylaws to include the treasurer in the annual election of officers, and define the quorum as one representative from each town. Bylaw amendments must be included as agenda items and posted accordingly.

Mr. Pierce motioned that the above referenced bylaw changes be added to the agenda of our next meeting to be held on October 10, 2017, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor.

6. Old Business/New Business

Mr. Underhill asked whether the draft letter from the Buzzards Bay Coalition in support of Mattapoissett River Valley Water Management Act permit renewals was ever sent. Chairman Furtado agreed to look into the matter and report back to the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. O'Neale reported that at a prior meeting there was discussion about flow readings being recorded by a state agency at the Snipatuit Pond herring ladder. There is a continuous data logger running that can generate CFS (cubic feet per second). Mr. O'Neale would like to have this data to correlate with MRVWSPAC monthly data.

Mr. O'Neale distributed monthly graphs and summarized that in general we are tracking about the same as last year. Well 1S at Tinkham Lane has dropped two feet since June, Well 1D has dropped four feet, Well 2D has dropped three feet, Lot 3S has dropped two feet, Lot 3D has dropped one foot. Over June and July, water elevations are generally one to two feet higher.

Mr. O'Neale reported that there was a hearing last week at MA DEP on the MA Rivers Group petition to put conditions on WMA registrations. Half of the attendees were water suppliers. DEP has ten days from the hearing to issue a decision. Mr. O'Neale commented that there were many good comments from the water suppliers. Two communities have file suit and are arguing that WMA permits are not subject to the Permit Extension Act. Mr. Renauld suggested that if the Mattapoissett River Valley communities join the suit, they do it as the district (MRVWDC).

Chairman Furtado reported that he sent an e-mail to Attorney Crotty and inquired if it was possible to merge the MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC. He

noted that there is redundancy in some of the agenda items, and meeting time is often spent reiterating identical reports for one or two representatives that are not on both committees. Mrs. Farinon expressed concern about merging the two committees, since one focuses on protecting the Mattapoissett River and the other focuses on the MRVWDC water treatment plant. Mr. Underhill suggested a solution of recommending that the Boards of Selectmen appoint the same three representatives to both committees to be more efficient. Discussion ensued and it was agreed by all that for now both committees will post a 4:00 p.m. start time in order to eliminate redundancy.

Mr. Underhill motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:30 p.m., Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.