

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Chairman Vincent Furtado
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Town of Marion	David Pierce, Treasurer Rob Zora
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Town of Mattapoissett	Barry Denham William Nicholson
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Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon, Vice Chair Fred Underhill
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Others in attendance were: Patrick O'Neale, Tata & Howard

- Acceptance of minutes of July 14, 2015  
Mr. Pierce motioned to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting, Mr. Underhill seconded, and all in favor with Mr. Denham abstaining. (7-0-1)

Acceptance of minutes of August 11, 2015  
Mr. Underhill motioned to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting, Mr. Pierce seconded, and all in favor with Mr. Denham, Ms. Farinon, and Mr. Zora abstaining. (5-0-3)
- Treasurer's Report  
Copies of MRVWSPAC account balances as of August 1, 2015 were distributed by Treasurer Pierce, who explained that his report would be brief because he was still awaiting July and August financial information from the Fairhaven accountant. He reported that he had nothing to share of significance, and is awaiting the official written report from the Town of Fairhaven.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard                   \$ 1,309.95
- Meagan McCarthy               \$ 130.00
- Tata & Howard                   \$ 1,113.19

Mr. Pierce motioned payment of the above referenced invoices, Mr. Denham seconded, all in favor. (8-0-0)

3. Discuss MRVWSPAC member appointment dates

Mr. Nicholson provided MRVWSPAC expiration dates for the Town of Mattapoisett: Mr. Zora, Mr. Underhill and Mr. Osuch provided dates for members in their communities.

4. Update on Decas Cranberry Co. proposed tailwater recovery pond/water supply pond off Neck Road in Rochester

Copies of the MRVWSPAC letter were distributed for review. The committee is concerned that the proposed project is a mining operation that may impact Snipatuit Pond water levels. The project is presently being reviewed by the Rochester Conservation Commission and Rochester Soil Board.

5. 2014 MRV Report

Mr. O’Neale distributed an outline and budget for the 2014 River Monitoring Report. Tata & Howard recommends that the report include monitoring locations, data collection, equipment, pumping/conservation, and WAMA groundwater/stream flow thresholds. The estimated budget for said work is \$4,800 with graphing to be completed by Meagan McCarthy (estimated budget 25 hours totaling \$625).

Mr. Pierce motioned to authorize approval of up to \$4,800 for Tata & Howard to complete the 2014 MRV Report and \$625 for Meagan McCarthy to complete needed graphing, Mr. Underhill seconded, all in favor. (8-0-0)

6. MRV Data Collection

It was reported that David Watling has been training with Megan Dineen and Elizabeth Leidhold to do MRV data collection.

7. WMA Permit Renewals

Mr. Underhill would like to see Representative Straus meet with DEP representatives to discuss MRV Water Management Act permit renewals. Discussion ensued about the best time strategically with DEP, as the group does not want DEP to initiate legislation to counteract existing MRVWSPAC or MRVWDC authority. Chairman Osuch suggested we table the issue for another month.

Treasurer Pierce reported that he has been charged to investigate financial options for the MRVWSPAC treasury, and he is working on it and will detail options at a future meeting.

Mr. O'Neale reported that DEP has released a new grant program that addresses WMA issues.

Mr. Underhill motioned adjournment of the meeting at 4:43 p.m., Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor. The next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.