

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 3:45 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce David Willett	term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires:
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon Rick Charon	term expires: 4/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2021

Others in attendance were:

Blair Bailey	Counsel
Meghan Davis	Tata & Howard
Rebecca Tilden	Marion Water & Sewer

Absent Members:

Jeffrey Furtado	appointed indefinitely
Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely
William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020
Randy Parker	term expires:

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting
Mr. Pierce motioned approval of the November 12, 2019 meeting minutes, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the December 1, 2019 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$213,842.05. Total payments made since July 1, 2019 were \$6,521.81, and total income to date since July 1, 2019 is \$75,740.85. Three checks were written last month to William David Watling (\$252.21), Tata & Howard (\$999.27), and Meaghan McCarthy (\$221.00).

Mr. Chase motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Blair Bailey \$ 50.00
- William David Watling \$ 252.21
- Meaghan McCarthy \$ 170.00

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

3. Update from MRVWSPAC Subcommittee exploring MRV pond weeds/invasives and water quality
Ms. Davis reported that the subcommittee met on November 21, 2019 to discuss the next steps in exploring MRV pond weeds/invasives and water quality. Tata & Howard will be preparing an RFP for Phragmites eradication in the northeast portion of Snipatuit Pond, and a separate proposal to investigate Snipatuit Pond and Long Pond (Black Pond) pond weeds. It was agreed by all that Phragmites removal will be top priority for now, as a pond weed study of the 700+ acre Snipatuit Pond will be astronomical in cost.
4. MRV Pumping Data Needed for Notices of Assessments to Marion, Mattapoisett and Fairhaven in January 2020
Treasurer Pierce reminded members that he needs the MRV pumping data in order to send invoices for the upcoming year. Mr. Renauld said he needs information from the Town of Marion in order to finalize figures.
5. Member Attendance
Treasurer Pierce broached the subject of member attendance, noting it was a sensitive topic. He urged members to please let the committee chairman know if you are unable to attend a meeting. It is important to plan for absences of members in leadership roles. Treasurer Pierce had announced at the prior meeting that he will be retiring as of June 15, 2020.
6. Old Business/New Business
Treasurer Pierce reminded members that the MRVWSPAC annual report will need to be prepared for inclusion in the town reports for Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. Secretary Farinon will prepare a draft report for review by the committee next month.

Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:12 p.m., Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.