

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee held a joint meeting with the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission on Tuesday, April 9, 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 Jeffrey Furtado Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2021
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon Rick Charon Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2021 appointed indefinitely

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale Erin	Tata & Howard Student Observer
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Absent Members:

Jonathan Henry Randy Parker Henri Renauld	term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2020
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Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting
Mr. Pierce motioned acceptance of the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the April 1, 2019 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$151,526.60. Total payments made since July 1, 2018 were \$111,045.28, and total income to date since July 1, 2018 is \$81,349.22. Three checks were written last month to William David Watling (\$250.74), Tata & Howard (\$2,430.01), and Meagan McCarthy (\$119.00).

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

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 3,459.37
- William David Watling \$ 250.74
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 51.00

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

3. Mattapoissett River Valley Monitoring – 2013 Recommendations

Mr. O'Neale reported that the subcommittee consisting of Mr. O'Neale, Ms. Davis, Mr. Henry, Mr. Furtado, Mr. Charon, and Mrs. Farinon met on March 26th at 4:00 p.m. to review the *2013 Mattapoissett River Hydrologic Monitoring Annual Report Recommendations*. The group reviewed the action items, and decided to move forward on inviting property owners of cranberry bogs to the next subcommittee meeting to discuss water management within the Mattapoissett River Valley.

Mr. O'Neale said his office was in contact with Rochester Herring Inspector David Watling, and he offered to come to a meeting and provide insight.

Mrs. Farinon reported that she invited Sarah Quintal of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) to attend the next subcommittee meeting to discuss water management at the BBC owned Mattapoissett Bogs property. Ms. Quintal informed her that the BBC received a grant and are working in partnership with NRCS and MA DER to study water levels at the property and do conceptual planning. They are hiring GZA to develop a design for site improvements and wetland mitigation. They are researching ground water levels near the site, and would like any data that the MRVWSPAC can provide. Discussion ensued, and the MRVWSPAC requested that a written request be submitted by the BCC specifically stating the information requested.

4. Legal Counsel

The hiring of legal counsel will be discussed at a future meeting after receipt of a draft fee schedule and agreement from Attorney Bailey. Mr. Pierce would like to review said information in advance of the next meeting to be held on May 14, 2019.

5. Discuss Invitation From Marion Water Committee to April 25, 2019 event to discuss regional objectives

Invitations have been sent to neighboring communities Boards of Selectmen and Water Commissions to attend the Marion Water Committee meeting on April 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Marion Music Hall.

6. Discuss MRVWSPAC Soliciting a Financial Audit

Mr. Rees reported that he contacted Melanson Heath about doing an audit of MRVWSPAC finances, and they provided an estimate of \$2,000 to complete said work. Mr. Pierce motioned that the MRVWSPAC hire Melanson Heath and move forward on completion of the audit for \$2,000, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor.

7. Web Page Update

Mrs. Farinon reported that she made contact with Debra Nettles of Nettles Design and forwarded updates to the website. Ms. Nettles will be making the requested updates in the near future.

Mr. Pierce motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:20 p.m., Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.