

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 14, 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 Mattapoissett	Dan Chase William Nicholson Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020 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:	Patrick O'Neale	Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Jonathan Henry Randy Parker Sandy Keese	term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires: 6/ 2021 appointed indefinitely

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting  
Mr. Pierce motioned acceptance of the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the May 1, 2019 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$149,807.59. Total payments made since July 1, 2018 were \$117,410.59, and total income to date since July 1, 2018 is \$86,436.62. Three checks were written last month to William David Watling (\$250.74), Tata & Howard (\$3,459.37), and Meagan McCarthy (\$51.00).

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

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 3,893.84
- William David Watling \$ 250.74
- Nettles Design \$ 150.00
- Attorney Blair Bailey \$ 50.00

Treasurer Pierce suggested that we open the MRVWDC to accept the proposal from Attorney Blair Stevenson Bailey to represent both the MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC. MRVWDC Chairman Pierce distributed copies of the April 30, 2019 letter proposal from Attorney Bailey. Attorney Bailey proposes a flat monthly fee of \$200 as a base compensation, including attendance at the monthly meetings of both committees regardless of the length of the respective meetings. This fee would be paid whether a meeting of either entity actually takes place in any month, but will be credited against any additional services that may occur in the month in question. Additional work will be billed at a rate of \$225 per hour.

On behalf of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Rees motioned to accept the agreement as presented and that the MRVWSPAC will pay 25% of the monthly \$200 rate, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.

On behalf of the MRVWDC, Mr. Renauld motioned acceptance of the agreement, with the MRVWDC paying 75% of the \$200 rate, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

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

3. Review Request from Buzzards Bay Coalition for MRV Hydrologic Data  
Mr. O'Neale distributed copies of the letter from Sarah Quintal of the Buzzards Bay Coalition dated April 10, 2019 requesting any available hydrologic monitoring reports, stream flow, ground water and stratigraphy data for the Mattapoisett River Valley that may be useful to our engineers in developing the designs for the proposed project.

Mr. O'Neale reported that a secondary request was sent to Tata & Howard from Alex Hackman and copied to Kate Benson referencing the same project. Discussion ensued about ownership of the data and whether the MRVWSPAC was a public entity. Attorney Bailey noted that the request included a very broad base of information, and recommended that the MRVWSPAC reply and request that the requesting parties narrow their scope. Chairman Furtado agreed to send both letters.

4. Mattapoissett River Valley Monitoring – Subcommittee  
Mr. O’Neale reported that subcommittee members Ms. Davis, Mr. Jeff Furtado, Mr. Charon, and Mrs. Farinon met on April 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with Mr. David Watling and Sarah Quintal and Brendan Annett of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Mr. O’Neale summarized that Mr. Watling provided good information on bog operations, water use, herring migration, and water management at the Snipatuit Pond fish ladder. Mr. Watling reported that the herring count was up this year.

Sarah Quintal and Brendan Annett reported to the subcommittee about the Buzzards Bay Coalition’s Mattapoissett Bogs property and their proposed project and water management.

5. Site Plan Review – 243 Mattapoissett Road, Rochester  
Mr. Charon, P.E., of Charon Associates representing Mark & Susan Trahan, explained that the owners are cutting out a 2-acre rear lot from the 4.7-acre parcel. Chairman Furtado reported that he and Mr. Renauld and Ms. Keese met to review the plan, and the group recommend favorably.

Mr. Chase motioned that the MRVWSPAC respond favorably to the Rochester Planning Board on the subject application, Mr. Furtado seconded, all in favor. Chairman Furtado will prepare and send the letter on behalf of the MRVWSPAC.

6. Review and approve Melanson Heath 3 Year Contract for Annual Audits  
Mr. Rees reported we should start with 2018. The \$5,000 bill will be split as follows: MRVWDC \$3,500, MRVWSPAC \$1,500.

Mr. Rees motioned to authorize the chairman to sign the engagement letter, Mr. Pierce seconded, all in favor.

7. MRVWSPAC Website Update  
Mrs. Farinon reported that she sent updated information to Nettles Design, and Ms. Nettles has updated the website.

8. Discuss Results of April 25, 2019 meeting of Regional Water Officials  
Mr. Pierce reported that the meeting was well attended, and they received positive feedback. The plan is to make it an annual event.

9. Old Business/New Business  
Mr. Pierce reported that there has been a fair amount of turmoil with Marion personnel. Town Administrator Paul Dawson has retired, and a new administrator has been appointed. Marion representatives to the MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC are still in question. The town is trying to

maneuver new talent to come on to the boards, and there will be a lag in filling the positions.

Mr. Renauld motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:55 p.m., Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor.