

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 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 David Willett Randy Parker	term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires: term expires:
Town of Mattapoisett	William Nicholson Henri Renauld	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 Atty. Blair Bailey Frank Coelho	Tata & Howard Counsel
Absent Members:	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m., and welcomed Mr. David Willett, Marion's new representative replacing Jon Henry.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting
Mr. Nicholson motioned acceptance of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting, Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor with Ms. Keese and Mr. Parker abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the June 1, 2019 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$145,545.85. Total payments made since July 1, 2018 were \$121,555.17, and

total income to date since July 1, 2018 is \$86,519.46. Four checks were written last month to William David Watling (\$250.74), Tata & Howard (\$3,893.84), Blair Stevenson Bailey (\$50.00), and Debra Nettles (\$150.00).

Treasurer Pierce reported he will be sending out assessments in the first meeting in July.

Mr. Parker 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	\$ 365.19
• William David Watling	\$ 250.74
• Megan McCarthy	\$ 323.00
• Attorney Blair Bailey	\$ 50.00

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

3. Review Request from Buzzards Bay Coalition for MRV Hydrologic Data
Discussion ensued about the nature of the request, the availability and format of the information, and how to respond to the request.

Mr. Rees motioned to provide the Buzzards Bay Coalition with 1. well construction drawings and geologic logs for wells 1S and 1D, 2. all water level data, 3. Acushnet Road staff gauge readings and river flow data, and 4. the Stantec well report; Mrs. Farinon seconded the motion, all in favor.

Mr. Parker recommended that there be a cap of \$200 or less on costs to provide the requested information.

4. Mattapoisett River Valley Monitoring – Subcommittee
Mr. Vincent Furtado reported that subcommittee met with Mr. Scott Hannula of Oiva Hannula, which manages 100% of Decas Cranberry Company's farm operations. Mr. Hannula explained that all but 10-acres of the Neck Road bogs are under tailwater recovery. The bogs have been laser leveled. The biggest consumer of water is flooding for harvest. Cranberry bogs are considered to be a "non-consumptive use", as the water goes right back into the watershed. Mr. Hannula explained that they are working to reduce water consumption as pumping equals dollars spent.
5. Set Date for MRV Water Treatment Plant Tour
The MRV Treatment Plant tour is set for June 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Review and approve Melanson Heath 3 Year Contract for Annual Audits
Mr. Vincent Furtado reported that he signed the engagement letter on behalf of the committee.

7. Old Business/New Business
Discussion ensued about the recent dam breach at the Hartley WMA in Rochester. Mrs. Farinon explained that the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, the property owners, is working to replace the flume and bring the water level back up.

Mr. Pierce motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:40 p.m., Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.