

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

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 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	appointed indefinitely
	Jeffrey Furtado	appointed indefinitely
	Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/ 2021
	David Willett	term expires:
	Randy Parker	term expires:
Town of Mattapoisett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020
	Dan Chase	term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/ 2021
	Rick Charon	term expires: 4/ 2021
	Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely

Others in attendance were:

Patrick O'Neale	Tata & Howard
Atty. Blair Bailey	Counsel

Absent Members:

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting
Minutes of the August 13, 2019 were not available and will be reviewed at the October 8th meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the September 1, 2019 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$217,734.18. Total payments made since July 1, 2019 were \$2,476.90, and total income to date since July 1, 2019 is \$76,544.85. Five checks were written last month to William David Watling (\$250.74), Tata & Howard

(\$519.52), Blair Stevenson Bailey (\$50.00), and Meaghan McCarthy (\$170.00 and \$153.00).

Treasurer Pierce reported that all towns have paid their assessments, however due to a reduction in pumping the assessment total was \$10,000 less this year. Mr. Pierce further reported that since Fairhaven checks are written in the middle of the month, and Rockland Trust reports at the end of the month, the August interest payment is not included in the Treasurer's report.

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

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Tata & Howard \$ 933.51
- William David Watling \$ 250.74
- Meaghan McCarthy \$ 187.00
- Attorney Blair Bailey \$ 50.00

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

3. Election of Officers

Chairman Pierce motioned to retain all current officers in their respective positions, Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.

The final elected slate of MRVWDC officers is as follows:

Chairman	Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven
Vice Chairman	Henri Renauld, Mattapoisett
Treasurer	David Pierce, Marion
Secretary	Laurell J. Farinon, Rochester

4. MRVWSPAC Appointment Dates

Chairman Furtado requested committee members to check their appointment dates with their respective town clerks, and report back so that the minutes can be updated.

5. MRVWSPAC Website Information

The MRVWSPAC website needs to be double checked and updated.

6. Action Items on Outlook

Mr. O'Neale reported that he is looking into adding action items to Outlook and send out to MRVWSPAC members to see if it meets their needs.

7. Monthly and Annual Total Rainfall Graph Review
Mr. O'Neale distributed graphs entitled 2018 MRV Precipitation vs NOAA Average Precipitation for review by the committee.
8. Old Business
Mr. O'Neale reported that Mattapoisett River Valley water levels were above 25% for the year, and running at median for the ground water regime. They were slightly above average for July 2019.
9. New Business
Mr. Charon reported that he was contacted by a husband and wife on Snow's Pond about the pond weed problem at both Snow's Pond and Black Pond. They have formed a neighborhood pond association that is pursuing the pond weed problem on Snow's Pond, and have recently identified the highly invasive pond weed fanwort at Black Pond. Discussion ensued about pond weeds as well as two Phragmites stands in the northeast portion of Snipatuit Pond. It was agreed by all to form a subcommittee to study the matter further. The subcommittee will consist of Mr. Charon, Ms. Keese, Ms. Farinon, Mr. Vincent Furtado, and Mr. Willett.

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