

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 869 3499 6706 or by calling 1-646-876-9923.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado Jeffrey Furtado	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	Meghan Davis	term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoisett	Henri Renauld William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Rick Charon Laurell J. Farinon Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2021 appointed indefinitely
Others in attendance:	Jon Gregory Paul Howard Blair Bailey Mick Colageo	Tata & Howard Tata & Howard Counsel The Wanderer
Absent Members:	Mark Rees Randy Parker David Willett Dan Chase	appointed indefinitely term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 4/ 2020

Chairman Vincent Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting
Mr. Renauld motioned approval of the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes, Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (7-0-1) with Ms. Davis abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Jeffrey Furtado had e-mailed members the Treasurer's report which included expenses from July 1, 2020 through the end of September 2020. Treasurer Furtado reported that total payments made since July 1, 2020 totaled \$10,928.12 and total income since July 1, 2020 totaled \$48.55.

Treasurer Jeff Furtado reported that he thought there was a discrepancy in past MRV monitoring invoices, as there was no deposit shown in 2019. Mr. Pierce explained that the MRVWSPAC issued annual \$5,000 invoices to the MRVWDC to cover some of the expenses of the monthly monitoring. Sometimes reporting is delayed due to the end of fiscal year and closing of books. Mr. Pierce will check his records and report back.

Treasurer Furtado reported that MRVWSPAC annual assessment fees have not been paid yet. Chairman Furtado explained that the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting is next Tuesday. Fairhaven does not have the funds to release yet, but will pay the allotment in November. Mr. Renauld reported that he received Marion’s check and Mattapoissett’s should be issued shortly.

Members that were present approved the following invoices:

- Blair Bailey \$ 50.00
- William David Watling \$ 252.09
- Tata & Howard \$ 3,537.61
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 221.00

Mr. Nicholson motioned acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report as presented, approval of the above invoices, and authorized Chairman Vincent Furtado and Mr. Renauld to sign the vouchers on behalf of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

3. Randall Lane, Mattapoissett and Cushman Road, Rochester Solar Projects

Chairman Furtado reported that the subcommittee reviewed the above referenced solar projects located within the Mattapoissett River Valley watershed, and they have no issues with the proposed projects. Mr. Charon motioned that the MRVWSPAC issue a letter to the Mattapoissett Planning Board and Rochester Planning Board on the above referenced respective projects recommending favorable endorsement, Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (7-0-1) with Mrs. Farinon abstaining.

4. Discuss Purchase of Specific Conductance Probe for Hach Meter

Mrs. Farinon explained that she received a request from Snow’s Pond Association president Michelle Kirby informing her that the self- monitoring would be greatly enhanced if they had a conductivity (specific conductance) probe. She said that they’re already getting pH at certain depths from URI, so this purchasing a conductivity probe would provide additional data results. Mr. Gregory researched the cost of the unit and said it would be approximately \$850. Mr. Charon motioned to allocate \$850 towards the purchase of a specific conductance meter, Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in

favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

5. Discuss Surface Water Levels on Mattapoisett River

Mr. Renauld reported that water levels are at a critical level. They are past the voluntary watering period. Attorney Bailey recommended that a vote be taken by the MRVWDC to erect a sign at the Route 6 Mattapoisett property restricting the property for recreational use only. He further recommended that notice be sent to the Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Rochester Boards of Selectmen.

Mr. Renauld motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:02 p.m., Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).