

Mattapoisett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 3:45 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Jeffrey Furtado Vincent Furtado Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	David Pierce David Willett Randy Parker	term expires: 6/ 2021 term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoisett	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 Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/ 2021 term expires: 4/ 2021 appointed indefinitely

Others in attendance were:

Brian Wallace	JC Engineering
John Churchill	JC Engineering
Mike LaCava	Project Proponent
Blair Bailey	Counsel
Jon Gregory	Tata & Howard

Absent Members:

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting
Mr. Pierce motioned approval of the January 14, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor with Mr. Parker abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Pierce distributed copies of the February 1, 2020 Treasurer's Report and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$210,423.85. Total payments made since July 1, 2019 were \$7,449.15, and total income to date since July 1, 2019 is \$75,898.70. Five checks were

written last month to Tata & Howard (\$1,069.60 and \$1,579.02), William David Watling (\$252.21), Blair Bailey (\$50.00), and Meaghan McCarthy (\$153.00).

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

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

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

3. Village at Plumb Corner – Over 55 Housing Development, Rounseville road Rochester

Chairman Furtado explained that the MRVWSPAC subcommittee consisting of Mr. Vinnie Furtado, Mr. Renauld, and Ms. Keese reviewed the site plans for the above referenced project, and have concerns. Mike LaCava, Repurpose Properties, and John Churchill and Brian Wallace of JC Engineering were in attendance to present the project and answer questions.

Mr. Wallace referred to a mounted site plan and explained that the subject property consists of 29.7-acres and a good portion of the site was disturbed in the 1980's due to a gravel removal operation. The applicant, Repurpose Properties, proposes to construct 44 2 bedroom special residential age restricted duplex units that will be part of a condominium association. Mr. Wallace explained that the Town of Rochester requires a secondary treatment system for the septic system, which will be a micro-fast unit with a trench system with 5 foot ground water separation.

Mr. Renauld stated that he wanted assurances that the septic system is sized correctly, and would like to see language that restricts the units to two bedrooms.

Ms. Keese commented that she would like language recorded with the covenant, and expressed concern about the stormwater collection system. She would like a provision limiting fertilizers and road salt within the long term stormwater management plan.

Discussion ensued about the inspections of the system and the need for a back-up generator in the event of a power failure.

Discussion ensued about elderly housing criteria in designing the system. Mr. Churchill explained that Mr. Brett Rowe of MA DEP is in agreement with the calculations used to size the system.

When asked if they had sufficient water and if they had approval to tie in to Marion's water supply, Mr. Parker and Mr. Willett stated they had not received the plans or a request yet. Mr. Wallace replied that they e-mailed the Marion Water Dept. over a year ago; however plans would be submitted the next day to their office.

Mr. Churchill explained that the septic system is outside of the Zone II, and that by right they could have done a commercial project. They have been at this for a while and the most current plan set is revision #10.

MRVWSPAC Counsel Bailey stated he will review and approve suggested conditions on behalf of the group.

Mrs. Farinon noted the excellent comments and input from members, but expressed concern about the comment letter including requirements that copies of data be sent to the MRVWSPAC – which is an advisory committee not capable of regulatory enforcement. She suggested that results would more appropriately be sent to the Marion and Rochester Water department and/or Commission, and to the Rochester Board of Health.

Mr. Rees motioned that the MRVWSPAC issue a response letter on the Repurpose Properties, LLC project recommending approval with the condition that the final decision require the developer (and subsequent homeowner's association) to complete the following: 1. the on-site wastewater disposal system be inspected by a professional engineer twice a year with copies of the inspection reports sent to the Rochester Planning Board, Rochester Board of Health and Marion DPW Director, 2. the on-site subsurface sewage disposal system be inspected by a professional engineer on an annual basis with the inspection report sent to the Rochester Planning Board, Rochester Board of Health and Marion DPW Director, 3. obtain approval from the Marion DPW Director prior to the use of chemical fertilizer and roadway treatment. Mr. Charon, seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

4. Presentation Update from MRVWSPAC Subcommittee exploring MRV pond weeds/invasives and water quality

Mrs. Farinon and Mr. Charon were unable to attend the January 23, 2020 subcommittee meeting. Ms. Keese summarized that David Cavanaugh, Middleboro Herring Warden, made a presentation on their attempts to control milfoil and fanwort in their water bodies. The group hopes to have another presentation that can be attended by all.

5. Regional Meeting of Water Officials to be held at Marion Town House, April 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Pierce informed the MRVWSPAC about the meeting to be held of regional water officials to discuss what is going on in MRV communities. The meetings have been well attended and very productive in the past. The meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

6. Accounting Services

Mr. Pierce motioned that the MRVWSPAC solicit a figure from the Town of Fairhaven for accounting services rendered on behalf of the MRVWSPAC, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor. Mr. Vinnie Furtado will contact the Town Accountant for an estimate.

Mr. Pierce motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:30 p.m., Ms. Chase seconded, all in favor.