

Mattapoisett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2020

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4035 1921 or by calling 1-646-876-9923.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Jeffrey Furtado Vincent Furtado	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	Meghan Davis Randy Parker David Willett	term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoisett	Dan Chase William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Sandy Keese Laurell J. Farinon	appointed indefinitely term expires: 4/ 2021

Others in attendance were:

Blair Bailey	Counsel
Jon Gregory	Tata & Howard
Paul Howard	Tata & Howard
David Pierce	

Absent Members:

Rick Charon	term expires: 4/ 2021
Mark Rees	appointed indefinitely
Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020

Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting  
Mr. Nicholson motioned approval of the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor with Mr. Parker abstaining. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Jeff Furtado had forwarded copies of the June 1, 2020 Treasurer's Report via e-mail in advance of the meeting, and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$185,989.13. Total payments made since July 1, 2019 were \$34,672.71, and total income to date since July 1,

2019 is \$76,038.91. Three checks were written last month to Tata & Howard (\$5,688.49), William David Watling (\$252.09), and Blair Bailey (\$50.00).

Treasurer Jeff Furtado reported that the following assessment letters went out to the respective communities requesting payment:

• Mattapoisett	\$19,267.50
• Marion	\$20,154.20
• Fairhaven	\$41,214.80
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Total	\$80,636.50

Mr. Chase motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

• Blair Bailey	\$ 50.00
• William David Watling	\$ 252.09
• Tata & Howard	\$ 6,781.23

Mr. Chase motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize Chairman Vincent Furtado to sign the vouchers, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).

3. Review Proposed Solar Array Project for Sarah Sherman Road Rochester  
Chairman Furtado summarized the Sarah Sherman Road Rochester solar project and both he and Ms. Keese stated that they have no issues with the project. Ms. Keese motioned that the MRVWSPAC authorize chairman Furtado to draft a letter recommending approval of the project as long as they comply with all local requirements, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor with Mrs. Farinon abstaining. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (8-0-1).
4. Invasive Species Subcommittee Report  
Mrs. Farinon reported that the subcommittee met prior to the MRVWSPAC meeting. The committee originally hoped to tackle two known Phragmites stands on Snipatuit Pond near the causeway, but recently learned from a boat survey by Rick Charon that there are actually 14 sizeable stands on the pond. She commented that with this new information, she believes that it is beyond the scope of the MRVWSPAC.

Mr. Gregory added that the group also discussed exploring baseline water quality of Snipatuit Pond, and the committee's desire to reach out to WPI and UMASS Dartmouth for potential students to study pond weeds and water

quality. Chairman Furtado broached the subject of contracting someone to handle the position. The subcommittee plans to regroup in the fall.

Mr. Pierce asked about the status of the \$5,000 invoice from the MRVWSPAC to the MRVWDC. Treasurer Furtado responded that it has not been received yet. Mrs. Farinon reported that the invoice was dated June 6, 2020 and the check may not have been processed yet.

Mr. Pierce reminded MRVWSPAC members that Meaghan McCarthy typically compiles MRVWSPAC and MRVWDC minutes annually and converts to a singular pdf that is posted on the organization websites. It was agreed by all that Mrs. Farinon will forward meeting minutes to Ms. McCarthy.

It was noted that the next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on August 11, 2020.

Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 3:58 p.m., Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).