

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2020

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 815 1534 6638 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	term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoissett	Henri Renauld William Nicholson	term expires: 4/ 2020 term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Rick Charon	term expires: 4/ 2021
Others in attendance:	Jon Gregory Paul Howard David Pierce	Tata & Howard Tata & Howard
Absent Members:	Laurell J. Farinon Mark Rees Randy Parker David Willett Dan Chase Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/ 2021 appointed indefinitely term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 4/ 2020 appointed indefinitely

Chairman Vincent Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting  
Mr. Nicholson motioned approval of the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Jeffrey Furtado seconded. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Jeffrey Furtado had forwarded copies of the July 1, 2020 Treasurer's Report via e-mail in advance of the meeting and reported that the ending balance of the MRVWSPAC account was \$178,905.72 (ending balance on August 1, 2020). Total payments made since July 1, 2020 were \$7,083.32, and total income to date since July 1, 2020 is unknown at this time.

Three checks were written last month to Tata & Howard (\$6,781.32), William David Watling (\$252.09), and Blair Bailey (\$50.00). No Rockland Trust interest, no assessments, and no income have been reported since the last meeting.

Mr. Renauld motioned acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report as presented, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).

Members that were present signed the following invoices:

- Blair Bailey \$ 50.00
- William David Watling \$ 252.09
- Tata & Howard \$ 1,846.56
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 170.00

Mr. Nicholson motioned acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report as presented and authorize Chairman Vincent Furtado and Mr. Renauld to sign the vouchers, Mr. Jeffrey Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).

Mr. David Pierce noted that the month of August typically takes extra time for income to be processed. Delinquent information is typically processed the following month. The Town of Fairhaven typically sends out checks during the third week of the month. Any payments after this time typically get moved to the following month.

3. Review Proposed Solar Array Project for Sarah Sherman Road Rochester  
Chairman Vincent Furtado summarized the Sarah Sherman Road Rochester solar project and both he and Ms. Keese stated that they have no issues with the project. Mr. Charon motioned that the MRVWSPAC authorize Chairman Vincent Furtado to draft a letter recommending approval of the project as long as they comply with all local requirements, Mr. Jeffrey Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).

4. Approval Not Required (ANR) Division of Land, West Side of Neck Road, Rochester  
Mr. Renauld and Ms. Keese reviewed the documents and had no issues. Mr. Vincent Furtado wrote and sent the approval letter as the proponent was looking for a response prior to the Committee meeting. Mr. Charon motioned to accept approval of the letter and Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).

5. Water Withdrawal from Mattapoisett River at Route 6 Dam  
Mr. Renauld stated that a hydroseeder had a small fertilizer spill. Mr. Renauld noted that at a future Committee meeting, Mr. Blair Bailey should provide input for potential signage in the area. Mr. Renauld motioned to table discussion to a future Committee meeting and Mr. Jeffrey Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).
  
6. Invasive Species Subcommittee Report  
Mr. Charon noted that David Kavanaugh (Middleborough Herring Warden) may be able to provide some assistance regarding invasive species along with Ron Burgess. Outback Engineering has assisted with studying some of the aquatic species in the area. Mr. Vincent Furtado stated that interns from Massachusetts Maritime are assisting the Town of Fairhaven with MS4 tasks. These interns may be able to assist the Committee with studying water quality and invasive species in the ponds within the Mattapoisett River Valley. Mr. Vincent Furtado will forward contact information to Mr. Jon Gregory who will coordinate with Ms. Farinon. Mr. Gregory will coordinate with Ms. Farinon regarding scheduling of the next subcommittee meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting of the MRVWSPAC will be held on September 8, 2020.

Mr. Renauld 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 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (6-0-0).