

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 3:33 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 890 3678 2403 or by calling 1-646-876-9923.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado Wendy Graves	
Town of Marion	Meghan Davis Nathaniel Munafo	term expires: 6/2022 term expires: 6/2022
Town of Mattapoissett	Henri Renauld William Nicholson Dan Chase	term expires: 2024 term expires: 2024 term expires: 2024
Town of Rochester	Rick Charon Sandy Keese	term expires: 2022 term expires: 2023

Others in attendance:

Jon Gregory	Tata & Howard
Paul Howard	Tata & Howard
Blair Bailey	Counsel
Mick Colageo	The Wanderer
David Pierce	

Absent Members:

Town of Fairhaven: Jeffrey Furtado
Town of Marion: Randy Parker
Town of Rochester: Vacant Position

Chairman Vincent Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting
Minutes were not distributed of the September 14, 2021 meeting for review, at this meeting. Minutes will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report
Mr. Vincent Furtado discussed that Mr. Jeff Furtado has been busy and unable to submit the treasurer's report for this meeting. This month's treasurer's report will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Vincent Furtado presented the following invoices to be paid:

Mr. Nicholson motioned to approve payment of the above referenced vouchers on behalf of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).

3. Term Expiration Letters

Mr. Vincent Furtado noted that the past few weeks have been very difficult for everyone, but asked if anyone was able to get the term expiration letters to Ms. Davis. Ms. Davis responded that she received term expiration letters from Ms. Keese and Mr. Charon. Mr. Nicholson commented that he will provide the letters once Mattapoissett members are sworn in.

4. River Monitoring Equipment

Mr. Gregory reported that a new computer for the flow probe was purchased a few months back. Unfortunately, the flow probe itself is now malfunctioning and needs to be replaced. The same company that supplied the computer portion of the probe provided a cost estimate from \$850 to \$900, including freight, to replace. Mr. Gregory asked the Advisory Committee if they would like Tata & Howard to purchase the equipment and invoice the Advisory Committee for the equipment purchase. Mr. Gregory suggested authoring a not to exceed amount of \$1,000 to account for unanticipated costs (hidden charges) and avoid delays in the purchase. There is an anticipated 2 – 10 week lead time for equipment delivery.

Mr. Nicholson asked Mr. Gregory to remind him where the flow velocity is collected. Mr. Gregory responded that there are 5 culvert monitoring locations.

Mr. Nicholson commented that he feels that this is a piece of equipment that is required for the important monitoring that is completed. He would like to move forward with purchase of the equipment, in order to keep the data up to date. Mr. Vincent Furtado made motion to purchase the equipment with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000. Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).

5. River Monitoring Data – Quarterly Summary

Mr. Gregory presented the river monitoring data for the last quarter. Groundwater levels observed at the shallow wells were slightly below the 25th percentile, and groundwater levels were at or above the 25th percentile for the deep wells. Mr. Gregory noted that the dramatic spike in the water levels at

MW-2S is due to an elevation calibration error when the replacement levellogger was deployed. The replacement levellogger is a new model levellogger that converts elevation differently than the previous model which was not known prior to deploying the replacement levellogger. Tata & Howard is working on adjusting the elevation calibration.

Mr. Gregory discussed that groundwater levels fluctuate with precipitation and pumping.

6. Old Business / New Business
New Business: None.

Old Business: Mr. Nicholson asked if there was any update on the invasive species in Snipatuit Pond. Mr. Charon responded that there is no update at this time.

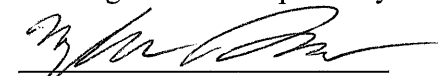
Mr. Vincent Furtado discussed that the Town of Fairhaven still had a few total coliform hits from sampling yesterday, and the Town of Fairhaven will have to continue with the Boil Water Order. Mr. Charon asked if the source of contamination was determined. Mr. Vincent Furtado responded that the only source that he is aware of is the weld breach at the Tinkham Lane Well. The Tinkham Lane Well has since been repaired. Mr. Renauld followed up that the E. coli from the Tinkham Lane Well may have entered the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Treatment Plant (MRVWTP) and contaminated the membranes. Although this is most likely the source of the contamination, it cannot be identified for certain. Mattapoissett will continue to work the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to remedy the situation.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Vincent Furtado entertained motion to adjourn 4:02 p.m. Mr. Chase made motion, Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).

Next Meeting November 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes Prepared By:



Meghan Davis, Clerk