Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 837 4025 0799 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 David Willett	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	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 David Pierce	Tata & Howard Tata & Howard Counsel The Wanderer
Absent Members:	Mark Rees Randy Parker Henri Renauld	appointed indefinitely term expires: 6/2021 term expires: 4/2020

Chairman Vincent Furtado called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting
Mr. Chase motioned approval of the January 12, 2021, Ms. Keese seconded.
The motion passed in a roll call vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions
(7-0-2) with Mr. Jeff Furtado and Mr. Willett abstaining.

2. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>

Treasurer Jeffrey Furtado had e-mailed members the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting which included expenses from July 1, 2020 through the end of January 2021. Treasurer Furtado reported that total payments made since July 1, 2020 totaled \$25,821.17 and total income since July 1, 2020

totaled \$85,724.40 with a total ending balance as of February 1, 2021 of \$245,917.03. Mr. Chase motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Vinnie Furtado seconded, all in favor on a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (9-0-0)

Members that were present approved the following invoices:

•	Blair Bailey	\$	50.00
•	William David Watling	\$	252.09
•	Tata & Howard	\$ 1	,587.75

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

- 3. <u>Discuss ANR Submittal for Burgess Avenue, Rochester Map 27, Lot 2</u>
 Chairman Furtado reported that the subcommittee reviewed the ANR plan.
 Discussion ensued about the new lot bisecting a cranberry bog. Mr. Charon motioned to direct Chairman Furtado to prepare a letter on behalf of the MRVWSPAC stating that the group finds no impacts to the Mattapoisett River basin and recommends approval assuming that the project will be in total compliance with the regulations set forth by the Town of Rochester, including but not limited to, their Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Health, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. (8-0-1)
- 4. <u>Discuss Levelogger Equipment Replacement and Backup Equipment Costs</u> Mr. Gregory reported that Tata & Howard is executing the equipment purchase approved at the last meeting. The old Levelogger model has been discontinued, but found equipment that will support the old and new model. They were told the equipment will ship February 18th.

Discussion ensued about the need for a specific conductance probe. Ms. Keese motioned for Tata & Howard to execute the purchase of a specific conductance probe and necessary calibration solution for a not to exceed price of \$1,000, Mr. Chase seconded, all in favor on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. (8-0-1)

5. Old Business

Mr. Nicholson asked about the status of beaver on the Mattapoisett River. Attorney Bailey reported that he spoke with the state fur bearing mammal biologist. In order to move forward on beaver removal, a letter is required stating that the dams are interfering with herring migration. The state will issue a removal plan and we can proceed from there.

6. <u>New Business</u>

Mr. Gregory reported that Tata and Howard evaluated MRV water monitoring data. He shared his screen to look show well graphs from December 2019 through December 2020 for monitoring wells 2D, 3S, 2S, 3D and 2D. He reported that water levels are slowly recovering from the summer/fall drought. He further stated that he will be providing a summary report on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:03 p.m., Mr. Vinnie Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (9-0-0).