

Mattapoissett River Valley  
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2021

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 3:37 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 884 5519 9740 or by calling 1-646-876-9923.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado Jeffrey Furtado Wendy Graves	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely
Town of Marion	Meghan Davis Nathaniel Munafo	term expires: 6/2022 term expires: 6/2022
Town of Mattapoissett	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/ 2020
Town of Rochester	Rick Charon Sandy Keese	appointed indefinitely appointed indefinitely

Others in attendance:

Michael Lorenzo	Town of Mattapoissett
Jon Gregory	Tata & Howard
Paul Howard	Tata & Howard
Blair Bailey	Counsel
Mick Colageo	The Wanderer
David Pierce	

Absent Members:

Town of Marion: Randy Parker
Town of Mattapoissett: Dan Chase
Town of Mattapoissett: William Nicholson
Town of Rochester: Vacant Position

\*Administrative Note: After the August 10, 2021 meeting was closed, it was noted that Mr. Lorenzo is not a member of the Advisory Committee. These meeting minutes reflect Mr. Lorenzo included as ‘Others in Attendance’ at the August 10, 2021 meeting, and not as an Advisory Committee member.

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting  
Ms. Keese motioned approval of the July 13, 2021 meeting minutes, Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention (6-0-0). Mr. Jeffrey Furtado and Ms. Graves were not present at the meeting at the time this was voted upon.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeffrey Furtado e-mailed members the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting which included expenses from July 1, 2021 through the beginning of August 2021. Treasurer Jeffrey Furtado was not in attendance to present the treasurer's report. Mr. Vincent Furtado reported that for the invoicing period of July 1, 2021 through August 1, 2021, payments totaled \$3,283.45, and income totaled \$0.00, with a total ending balance of \$224,111.53. Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented, Ms. Keese seconded, all in favor on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0). Mr. Jeffrey Furtado and Ms. Graves attended the meeting in time to vote to accept the Treasurer's Report.

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

- Blair Bailey \$ 50.00
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 153.00
- William David Watling \$ 272.36
- Tata & Howard \$ 1,193.08

Mr. Renauld motioned to approve payment of the above referenced vouchers on behalf of the MRVWSPAC, Mr. Lorenzo\* seconded, all in favor. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

\*Please refer to the Administration Note. These invoices will be subject to review and acceptance at the September 14, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Pierce asked if any payment has been received by the Towns for the annual assessment. Mr. Jeffrey Furtado responded that no payments have been received to date.

3. Term Expiration Letters

Ms. Davis reminded members to forward appointment expiration dates of all Committee members to her in order to update the meeting minutes moving forward.

4. Combined Meeting Minutes

Ms. Davis informed the Committee that Meagan McCarthy has compiled meeting minutes up to May 11, 2021 into one large file for each the District and Advisory Committee. The file is quite large. Ms. Davis suggested that Meagan McCarthy compile the minutes by year, to avoid large electronic files. Mr. Bailey made another suggestion to keep the combined meeting minutes as one large file, as the document can be searched for key words. Members agreed. Ms. Davis will continue to coordinate compilation of the meeting minutes with Meagan McCarthy, and maintain for records.

5. Old Business / New Business

Old Business: Mr. Gregory inquired about the vacant member position for Rochester. Mr. Charon replied that the Rochester Board of Selectmen met and appointed a new Conservation Commission Agent, who will be starting next Monday.

Old Business: Mr. Pierce noted that in the past, Committee members would hold a gathering with surrounding Town officials to discuss topics relative to interest and challenges for water supply and distribution, and vision for the future. Mr. Pierce asked Committee members if they would like to hold a similar function in the future. Members agreed this was a good idea. Mr. Vincent Furtado volunteered to lead the organization of this meeting, and Ms. Graves volunteered to assist. Ms. Davis and Mr. Renauld will forward contact information for respective Water Commissioners to Mr. Vincent Furtado for invitation.

Old Business: Mr. Charon met with the Snow's Pond group to observe sampling procedures. The Snow's Pond group provides collected data to the URI Watershed Watch Program to assess the data. Mr. Charon plans to complete similar sampling at Snipatuit Pond, and pursue connection with the URI Watershed Watch Program. The approximate cost to have the URI Watershed Watch Program assist with data assessment is \$800 per year. Mr. Charon will continue to obtain information and will present at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Charon noted that the two invoices for the Hach Meter equipment that Ms. Kirby purchased for sampling have not been submitted for payment. The equipment includes a sensor cap and demineralized water for calibration, in the amount of \$138.00 and \$16.49, respectively. Mr. Jeffrey Furtado motioned to pay the invoices as presented, for a total of \$154.49. Mr. Munafu requested that the payment include all shipping costs. Mr. Charon noted no shipping costs were required, and seconded the motion, all in favor on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

6. Adjournment

Mr. Renauld motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:06 p.m., Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).