

Mattapoissett River Valley
Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 4:02 p.m. remotely using Zoom Meeting ID: 884 8561 5635 or by calling 1-646-876-9923.

In attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

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

Absent Members:

Town of Marion: Randy Parker
Town of Mattapoissett: Dan Chase
Town of Rochester: Sandy Keese
Town of Rochester: Vacant Position

Chairman Vincent Furtado called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting
Mr. Munafo motioned approval of the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes with noted changes, Mr. Renauld seconded. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and Mr. Nicholson abstained (7-0-1).
2. Treasurer's Report
Ms. Davis, on behalf of Mr. Jeff Furtado, e-mailed Commission members the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting which included expenses from July 1, 2021 through the beginning of September 2021. Mr. Jeff Furtado reported that for the invoicing period of July 1, 2021 through September 1,

2021, payments totaled \$4,951.89, and income totaled \$2.71, with a total ending balance of \$222,445.80. Mr. Jeff Furtado presented the following August 2021 invoices to be paid:

- Blair Bailey \$ 50.00
- Meagan McCarthy \$ 153.00
- William David Watling \$ 272.36
- Tata & Howard \$ 1,193.36

Mr. Jeff Furtado noted that the annual assessments were issued, and all payments have to be made out to the Town of Fairhaven. No payments have been received yet, but everyone should be caught up as of next month.

Mr. Nicholson motioned acceptance of the Treasurer’s report as presented. Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor on a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

Mr. Munafo motioned acceptance of the Treasurer’s report as presented from the August 10, 2021 meeting. Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor on roll call vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, with Mr. Nicholson abstained (7-0-1).

Mr. Jeff Furtado thanked Mr. Pierce for his assistance with the annual assessments.

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 \$ 859.18

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

Mr. Munafo reminded the Committee that the invoices from August 10, 2021 need to be approved as well. Mr. Munafo motioned to approve the invoices as printed in the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes, Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor on roll call vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and Mr. Nicholson abstained (7-0-1).

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. Canal Canopy & Dual Use Agriculture / Solar Project (109 Neck Road, Rochester)

Mr. Vincent Furtado noted that Beals & Thomas, Inc. sent him a request to review the project. Ms. Keese and Mr. Renauld also reviewed the project, and did not have any issues or comments. Mr. Charon motioned to approve that Mr. Vincent Furtado send a letter on behalf of the Commission to approve the project with no objections. Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor on roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain (8-0-0).

5. Snipatuit Pond Sampling Update

Mr. Charon discussed that the Snow's Pond Association held a Zoom meeting last month, and two personnel from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) attended. Mr. David Wong, a scientist for MassDEP, presented that they have cataloged all the ponds in southeastern Massachusetts, and identified four basic invasive species in the ponds. The Snows Pond group was frustrated because their water quality data indicates clean conditions in the pond, and therefore MassDEP is not going to get involved. MassDEP will only get involved if there is a present issue, which does not allow the Snows Pond Association to be proactive.

MassDEP identified two invasive species in Snipatuit Pond. Mr. Charon felt Mr. Wong had an abundance of information, and would like to discuss further with him. Mr. Charon is going to try and can set up a Zoom meeting with Mr. Wong and the Snipatuit Pond Group.

Mr. Vincent Furtado noted that we have not received an invoice from Ms. Kirby for sampling equipment. Mr. Charon will remind Ms. Kirby to submit the invoice.

6. Old Business / New Business

Old Business: Mr. Pierce suggested that the Commission vote on leaders for both the Commission and District today. Mr. Vincent Furtado asked if there were any volunteers for assigned positions. Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned to maintain the same Commission leaders as follows: Mr. Vincent Furtado as Chairman, Mr. Renauld as Vice Chairman, Mr. Jeffrey Furtado as Treasurer, and Ms. Davis as clerk. Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded the motion, all in favor on roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).

New Business: Mr. Gregory explained that Tata & Howard will provide a river monitoring data quarterly update at the October 2021 meeting, and requested this be added to the agenda.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Munafu motioned to adjourn the meeting of the MRVWSPAC at 4:47 p.m., Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor. The motion passed in a roll call vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (8-0-0).