

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission  
December 10, 2019

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Vincent Furtado	term expires: 5/2019
	Mark Rees	term expires: 5/2019
Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoissett	Paul Silva, Treasurer	term expires: 4/2021
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/2019
Town of Rochester	Rick Charon	term expires 4/2021
	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/2021

Others in attendance were:	Blair Bailey	Counsel
	Meghan Davis	Tata & Howard
	Rebecca Tilden	Marion Water & Sewer

Absent members included:	Jeff Furtado	term expires: 5/2019
	Sandy Keese	term expires: 4/2021
	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/2020
	Randy Parker	term expires: 6/2021
	David Willett	term expires: 6/2021

Chairman Pierce called the meeting of the MRVWDC to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting  
Mr. Charon motioned to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting, Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor with Mr. Rees abstaining.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Silva reported that the monthly invoice schedule totaled \$32,288.92. Capital expenditures included a \$48,699.00 invoice from Woodard & Curran for radio replacement.

Invoices

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District  
Invoice Schedule Account #089-000-2992-0000

Analytical Balance	\$	25.00
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Verizon	\$	242.74
Verizon Wireless	\$	80.98
USA Bluebook	\$	280.28
Borden & Remington	\$	9,961.34
Plumbers Supply	\$	98.37
Woodard & Curran	\$	2,278.50
Sea Gas	\$	1,554.27
Underwater Solutions	\$	5,990.00
Sure Lite Electric	\$	228.00
ECA HoldCo1, LLC	\$	10,506.60
Eversource	\$	57.68
Blair Bailey	\$	150.00
Tata & Howard	\$	1,083.88
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Total	\$	32,288.92

Woodard & Curran \$ 48,699.00

Mr. Rees motioned approval of the Treasurer’s Report and payment of the above referenced invoice schedule, Mr. Renauld seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Renauld explained that the MRVWDC received a letter from UniBank notifying the group that an interest payment of \$61,491.19 on the SRF loan will be due on January 15, 2020. Mr. Renauld motioned that the MRVWDC authorize Mr. Renauld, Treasurer Silva and Mr. Vincent Furtado to approve and sign the invoice for payment when it arrives, Mr. Rees seconded, all in favor.

3. Review and Approve Draft FY 21 Operating Budget

Treasurer Silva distributed draft copies of the FY21 tentative budget, and commented that the operating budget went down 2%, but when capital was added it went up 5.4%. The MRVWDC will not be carrying forward any money this year.

Mr. Rees commented that he would like to see the budget include reimbursement to the Town of Fairhaven for accounting services. It was agreed by all that this item will be included.

Discussion ensued about future filter replacement needs, and possible impacts to the budget. Ms. Davis reported that Mr. Howard of Tata & Howard pulled together a scope and agreement for filter replacement evaluation. They will look at replacing in kind with the existing type of filter, as well as alternatives.

Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned to accept the draft FY21 budget and authorize Treasurer Silva to adjust budget to include Treasurer and Accounting services, Mr. Rees seconded, all in favor.

4. Exhibit 4 Update  
This item will be discussed at the January 14, 2020 meeting.
5. Cybersecurity Report  
Discussion ensued about a funding mechanism for this task, and it was agreed by all to not move forward at this time due to recent expenses related to radio upgrades. The MRVWDC was provided an estimate for said work for \$16,000. Mr. Rees suggested that the MRVWDC should investigate expanding insurance coverage for cybersecurity.
6. Members Attendance  
Chairman Pierce broached the subject of member attendance, noting it was a sensitive topic. He reminded members to please let the committee chairman know if you are unable to attend a meeting. It is important to plan for absences of members in leadership roles. Treasurer Pierce had announced at the prior meeting that he will be retiring as of June 15, 2020.
7. Tata & Howard Report  
Ms. Davis reported that the MRV primaries project is moving forward. She met with Mattapoissett Conservation Agent to review installed erosion control barriers. They will begin work tomorrow.
8. Operations Update  
Mr. Renauld reported that the plant is running well and there were a couple of power outages. Control Services fixed Wolf Island. Underwater Solutions cleaned out the backwash tanks 2 & 3. They lost the circulator pump and it needed to be rewired. There were some caustic leaks in the plant. Fairhaven Tinkham Lane well is back on line: they are just waiting on a pump that is on back order.
9. Old Business  
Discussion ensued about ECA Credits and finalization of one of the pertinent documents. Mr. Howard agreed to take the document back and get ECA's signature for finalization.

It was agreed that the MRVWDC will review the Tata & Howard proposal for filter assessment next month.

Ms. Davis will prepare a draft of the MRVWDC annual report for review by the committee. Discussion ensued about including an update on changing rules and regulations in the report, so that the public is aware of the additional costs associated with meeting higher standards.

Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting of the MRVWDC will be held on January 14, 2020.