

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission
March 12, 2019

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission met on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In attendance:

Town of Fairhaven	Jeff Furtado	term expires: 5/2019
	Vinnie Furtado	term expires: 12/2017
	Mark Rees	term expires: 4/2017
Town of Marion	Randy Parker	term expires: 6/2021
	David Pierce	term expires: 6/2021
Town of Mattapoissett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/2020
	Henri Renaud	term expires: 4/2019
	Paul Silva, Treasurer	term expires: 4/2021
Town of Rochester	Laurell J. Farinon	term expires: 4/2021
	Rick Charon	term expires 4/2021

Others in attendance were: Patrick O'Neale Tata & Howard

Absent members included: Jeffrey Eldridge term expires: 4/2021
Johnathan Henry term expires: 6/2021

Chairman Pierce called the meeting of the MRVWDC to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting
Mr. Nicholson motioned approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting, Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Silva reported that the monthly invoice schedule totaled \$69,208.10 which included a large invoice from Eversource in the amount of \$37,070.189. There was an invoice from Borden & Remington for \$11,878.89.

Invoices

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

Analytical Balance	\$ 75.00
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USA BlueBook	\$ 349.54
Sea Gas	\$ 1,544.73
Eversource	\$ 37,070.18
Verizon Wireless	\$ 80.98
Boeing Distribution	\$ 3,548.07
Controller Service & Sales	\$ 1,520.00
Mahoney's Building	\$ 14.99
Borden & Remington	\$ 11,878.89
Tata & Howard	\$ 1,475.60
KP Law, P.C.	\$ 2,470.00
Plumbers Supply	\$ 25.96
Sure Lite Electric	\$ 375.00
Fin-Tek	\$ 1,293.00
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Tata & Howard	\$ 2,751.80
Controller Service	\$ 611.77
Sure Lite Electric	\$ 150.00
EverSource	\$ 62.52
KP Law	\$ 2,166.00
Plumbers Supply	\$ 19.06
Fin-Tel 03UV	\$ 1,293.00

Total	\$ 69,208.10
Tata & Howard	\$ 1,475.60
Verizon	\$ 11.46

Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned approval and payment of the above referenced invoice schedule, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.

Mr. O'Neale raised the subject of breaking out special capital projects from the general invoice schedule. He anticipates that the high lift pump project will cost approximately \$180,000.

3. District Counsel
Attorney Blair Bailey was in attendance and said that he will check with the Rochester Board of Selectmen, but he does not believe it is an inherent

conflict of interest to serve as counsel for the MRVWSPAC and/or the MRVWDC.

Regarding special employee status, Attorney Bailey does not recommend having committee members designated as such; however he recommends that the committee members deal with potential conflict issues on a case by case basis.

Regarding being retained by the MRVWDC, Mr. Bailey stated that he prefers to be salaried with an annual contract. He will forward a standard agreement for review by the MRVWDC. He will include proposed language for customary work, with a per hour cost for additional litigation.

4. ECA Net Metering Agreement

Mr. O’Neale reported that he spoke with ECA, and they are awaiting final connection with Eversource. Due to a clerical error on ECA’s part, they needed to refile.

5. Vulnerability Assessment

Mr. O’Neale confirmed that a vulnerability assessment was done in 2009, and reviewed a summary of the recommendations. The summary included physical security issues, monitoring raw water quality at the Water Treatment Facility, guidelines for when an employee leaves the organization, alarm response, implementation of the emergency response plan, watershed protection, annual flushing, and a building evacuation plan.

Mr. Renauld will follow up with Woodard & Curran about cyber concerns. Mr. Rees commented that the MRVWDC needs to document that we have done our due diligence. Towards that end, Mr. Rees motioned that Mr. Renauld provide a written report addressing the recommendations and review of actions to date, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.

6. Redundant HLP

Mr. O’Neale reported that they will have estimates soon to provide to the MRVWDC.

7. MRV Agreement Section V. Water Supply Services and Limitations pm Sales

Mr. Renauld explained that as years have progressed, the Town of Fairhaven has needed more and more water. The electric costs have increased over time, as well as the costs associated with supplementing the loss that the Town of Fairhaven cannot provide. Mr. Renauld stated that the issue needs to be addressed, and he needs to offset pumping costs.

Mr. Vincent Furtado stated that a potential resolution would be the District owning all the wells, then billing the towns directly for costs.

Discussion ensued at length about the existing challenges. Mr. Renauld will review the spreadsheet and requested that the item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

8. Primaries Update

Mr. O'Neale reported that the Order of Conditions was issued by the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission. He said he spoke with Mr. Tavares and requested a list of pre-qualified contractors. The MRVWDC will advertise and make contract awards.

9. Invitation from Marion Water Committee to April 25, 2019 event to Discuss Regional Water Objectives

Invitations have been sent to neighboring communities Boards of Selectmen and Water Commissions to attend the Marion Water Committee meeting on April 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Marion Music Hall.

10. Operations Update

Mr. Renauld reported that there have been Koch issues and failures on the stages. He may bring them in to do a presentation. There were clogged lines, the heater unit acted up. Hope Air came in for maintenance. There were a few valve failures. R.H. Mitchell put a new charger on the generator.

11. New Business

Mr. Renauld reported that there have been problems with the 11 year old radios, and new ones are needed. They talk to each other and communicate off the towers. A total of 15 radios total are needed, and they will cost approximately \$1,500 - \$1,800 per radio.

Mr. Rees motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.