

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission  
April 9, 2019

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission met on Tuesday, April 9, 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: 5/2019
	Mark Rees	term expires: 5/2019

Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/2021
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Town of Mattapoissett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/2020
	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
	Randy Parker	term expires: 6/2021
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/2019

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting  
Mr. Rees motioned approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting, Mr. Nicholson seconded, all in favor.
2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Silva reported that the monthly invoice schedule totaled \$58,564.07 which included the quarterly invoice from the Town of Mattapoissett in the amount of \$46,492.81, and that capital for primaries was \$26,199.51.

Invoices

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

Analytical Balance	\$	75.00
Sea Gas	\$	1,103.38
Eversource	\$	55.96

Verizon Wireless	\$ 80.98
Town of Mattapoissett	\$ 46,492.81
Mahoney's Building	\$ 18.18
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AirGas	\$ 1,129.60
W.B. Mason	\$ 94.44
R.A. Mitchell	\$ 903.88
AutomaTech	\$ 495.00
Commonwealth of MA	\$ 50.00
Flow Elements	\$ 3,770.11
Henri Renault	\$ 77.00
Wayne Electric & Alarms	\$ 142.50
Sure Lite Electric	\$ 300.00
Tata & Howard	\$ 3,751.07
Plumbers Supply	\$ 86.15
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Total	\$ 58,564.07
Tata & Howard	\$ 26,199.51
Verizon	\$ 237.16

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

3. Melanson Heath

Mr. Rees reported that he contacted Melanson Heath and received an estimate in the amount of \$5,500 per year for audits to be done for the next three years on MRVWDC finances. Mr. Rees stated that the estimate is reasonable and recommended that the MRVWDC accept the proposal and move forward. Mr. Charon motioned that the MRVWDC hire Melanson Heath to complete the audit for \$5,500, Mr. Silva seconded, all in favor.

4. ECA Net Metering Update

Mr. O'Neale reported that he spoke with ECA, and received a report that Eversource has set up poles on the Walpole South Park property and will be ready for interconnection. It is likely that the connection will be completed by next month.

He has been communicating back and forth with ECA and the MRVWDC attorney on the consent and agreement and edits, and the attorney is satisfied and recommends signature. Mr. Jeff Furtado motioned that the MRVWDC authorize Chairman Pierce to sign the Consent and Agreement between the MRVWDC and ECA and Key Bank National Association, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.

5. Vulnerability Assessment  
Mr. O’Neale reported that he and Mr. Renauld went through the recommendations summary. Mr. Rees motioned that Mr. Renauld provide a report to the MRVWDC with a list of items that need to be completed, Mr. Silva seconded, all in favor.  
  
Mr. Rees commented that addressing potential vulnerability issues is one of the most important things that the MRVDC does.
6. Redundant High Lift Pump  
Mr. O’Neale reported that he is working on this with Mr. Renauld, however they have not gone over the conceptual plan yet. Once Mr. Renauld approves the plan they will research and set estimates to be used in the capital plan.
7. MRV Agreement Section V. Water Supply Services and Limitations on Sales  
Mr. Vinnie Furtado commented that the Tinkham Lane well used to be a big producer and that Fairhaven over-supplemented the plant.  
  
Mr. O’Neale reached out to everybody to determine raw water costs, and will update the numbers to go into Exhibit 4. Mr. Rees commented that as a district we should own both the water and the processing.
8. Primaries Update  
Mr. O’Neale reported that they have finalized everything. The Order of Conditions has been filed at the Registry of Deeds. The project will be put out to bid, and should be completed by the end of the summer. Mr. O’Neale will review the budget and report back to the MRVWDC.
9. District Counsel  
The MRVWDC is awaiting a proposal from Attorney Blair Bailey. Mr. Vinnie Furtado motioned that Mr. Renauld contact Attorney Bailey to request a formal proposal to be reviewed by all in advance of the next meeting, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.
10. 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.
11. Operations Update  
Mr. Nicholson reported that they replaced valves due to misfire issues. The coupling on the 16” water main in the filter room let go. The alarm was set off and they were able to bypass the 16” line. They cleaned the pre-filters and number 2 had trouble getting out: they ended up soaking overnight and

cleared. Mattapoisett #3 had a column failure: they cleaned the well out and installed a new pump.

12. Old Business

Mr. Jeff Furtado reported that there was another breakdown of the radios and SCADA system. Five radios went down at the same time. Mr. Renault is looking into purchasing new radios that communicate with each other. They are not sure what the present problem, but it could be interference. Mr. Nicholson commented that at one time there were issues and they found out it was due to leakage. They continue to investigate and may have to replace all or none of the radios. They will have an update next month.

Mr. Silva motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m., Mr. Vinnie Furtado seconded, all in favor.