

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission  
June 11, 2019

The Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission met on Tuesday, June 11, 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
	Vincent Furtado	term expires: 5/2019
	Mark Rees	term expires: 5/2019

Town of Marion	David Pierce	term expires: 6/2021
	Randy Parker	term expires: 6/2021
	David Willett	term expires: 6/2021

Town of Mattapoissett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/2020
	Paul Silva, Treasurer	term expires: 4/2021
	Henri Renauld	term expires: 4/2019

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

Chairman Pierce called the meeting of the MRVWDC to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. Acceptance of minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting  
Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting, Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor with Mr. Parker abstaining.

Mrs. Farinon requested that members please contact their respective town clerks to verify appointment dates, and forward the information so that she can update MRVWDC records.

2. Treasurer's Report  
Treasurer Silva reported that we will most likely not need to be over budget. Mr. Renauld complimented Treasurer Silva on his good work in managing finances.

Regarding Eversource bills, Mr. Rees reported that Eversource has acknowledged an error and there will be a credit. At this point he is not sure of the amount of the credit.

Treasurer Silva reported the monthly invoice schedule totaled \$89,948.59, and the Verizon bill was \$229.26. Mr. Parker motioned approval of the Treasurer’s Report, Mr. Jeff Furtado seconded, all in favor.

Invoices

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

Analytical Balance	\$ 25.00
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Sea Gas	\$ 1,337.70
Verizon Wireless	\$ 80.98
Controller Service & Sales	\$ 5,751.20
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NBC Distributors	\$ 525.00
Eversource	\$ 50.38
Eversource	\$ 32,217.87
Town of Mattapoissett	\$ 44,165.07
Airgas	\$ 833.01
KP Law, P.C.	\$ 950.00
USA Bluebook	\$ 137.25
W.B. Mason	\$ 121.59
Southeastern Fire	\$ 97.25
Blair Bailey	\$ 50.00
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Total	\$ 89,948.59
Verizon	\$ 229.26

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

3. Discuss MRV Radios

Mr. Renauld asked to take up this item out of order and introduced Mr. Bob Amaral of Woodard and Curran. Mr. Amaral explained that the current radios and no longer being fabricated, and they are looking into other vendors. They are looking to integrate old and new hardware, and the PLC’s are the heart of the system. In order to upgrade the radios it will impact the PLC’s. They recently received a quote to upgrade for a cost of \$38,000.

Mr. Amaral recommended that an assessment be done of the utility. A rough estimate for an assessment and update of radios is \$75,000. Treasurer Silva recommended that the capital committee sit down and look at it. Mr. Charon

motioned that the MRV purchase a new radio to be used as a backup, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor.

4. Melanson Heath Audit Engagement Letter  
The Melanson Heath Audit Letter has been signed and engaged for a year.
5. ECA Net Metering Update  
Mr. O’Neale reported that things are day to day. Eversource will be on site this week to finalize testing and put into production.
6. 5 Year Capital Plan  
The sub-committee will meet on July 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Mattapoisett.
7. Review and Updates to Exhibit 4 – Raw Water Costs  
Mr. Renauld reported that they met before the last meeting. Mr. Vinnie Furtado reported that Fairhaven has been paying based on consumption. The raw water wells cannot keep up with the Town’s demand. They need to look at numbers and develop costs for Marion. Mr. Renauld wants to recover costs. The agreement needs to be reviewed every 5 years. Attorney Bailey commented that whatever is agreed on needs to be memorialized at the MRVWDC meeting.
8. Electricity Bill Reconciliation  
Mr. Rees reported that he is working with Eversource to get credit for 2-3 months of overcharges. Eversource has acknowledged the error.
9. HUB Insurance Coverage  
Mr. Renauld reported that issues have been resolved.
10. Operations Update  
Mr. Renauld reported that the plant is running well however they blew out another VFD: Control Services put another one in. The Tinkham well is offline and they have adjusted pumping accordingly. Wolf Island 2 is back in service. The power loss impacted ozone; however Fin-Tech took care of things. On call personnel responded to a few SCADA failures.

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