

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission
September 10, 2019

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission met on Tuesday, September 10, 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 Mattapoisett	William Nicholson	term expires: 4/2020
	Henri Renaud	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
Paul Silva, Treasurer 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 August 13, 2019 meeting
The August 13, 2019 meeting minutes were not available for review and will be reviewed at the October 8, 2019 meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report
Mr. Renaud Treasurer Silva reported that the monthly invoice schedule totaled \$52,789.61, which included an EverSource invoice in the amount of \$30,374.73 and an invoice from Borden & Remington in the amount of \$10,155.69. Capital expenditures included a \$2,425.91 invoice from Tata & Howard for consulting services related to primary replacement. Mr. Parker motioned approval of the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Vincent Furtado seconded, all in favor.

Invoices

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

Analytical Balance	\$ 75.00
Sea Gas	\$ 2,654.74
Verizon Wireless	\$ 80.98
Eversource	\$ 41.60
Eversource	\$ 30,374.73
Verizon	\$ 242.47
Shaun's Lawns	\$ 1,765.00
Saybrook Environmental	\$ 515.27
Hatch Company	\$ 755.00
USA Bluebook	\$ 15.29
Pall Corporation	\$ 551.75
W.B. Mason	\$ 188.04
Borden & Remington	\$ 10,155.69
Borden & Remington	\$ 1,409.00
McMaster-Carr	\$ 298.68
Mahoney's Building	\$ 23.36
Mahoney's Building	\$ 23.08
Mahoney's Building	\$ 12.99
Hiller Fuels	\$ 674.58
Tata & Howard	\$ 2,782.36
Blair Bailey	\$ 150.00
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Total	\$ 52,789.61

Tata & Howard \$ 2,425.91

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

3. Koch Membranes
Mr. Renauld reported that the Koch representatives were unable to attend this meeting, and will be invited to the November 12, 2019 meeting.
4. Melanson Heath Audit Engagement Letter
The Melanson Heath Audit Letter has been signed and engaged for a year.

5. Election of MRVWDC Officers

Chairman Pierce motioned to retain all current officers in their respective positions, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor.

The final elected slate of MRVWDC officers is as follows:

Chairman	David Pierce, Marion
Vice Chairman	Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven
Treasurer	Paul Silva, Mattapoissett
Secretary	Laurell J. Farinon, Rochester

An individual roll call vote was taken and the following members voted affirmatively:

Chairman Pierce
Vincent Furtado
Laurell J. Farinon
Henri Renauld
Rick Charon
Randy Parker
David Willett
Mark Rees
Jeff Furtado
William Nicholson

6. Review and Updates to Exhibit 4 – Raw Water Costs

Mr. O’Neale reported that he met with Mr. Willett and his staff and reviewed values. They hope to have a new policy drafted to establish Exhibit 4 soon. Attorney Bailey said he will review and come back with legal suggestions.

7. Member Appointment Update

Members will check with their respective Town Clerks, verify appointment dates and report back.

8. Review SCADA radio replacement proposal

Mr. Renauld distributed Woodard & Curran’s Memorandum of Agreement totaling \$48,699.00. Discussion ensued about whether the work was put out to bid, and whether the radios are sole source procurement for SCADA. Attorney Bailey commented that you can’t use the exemption of 30B to get around acquisition of products. Mr. Rees motioned to authorize the acquisition of equipment contingent upon meeting 30B requirements, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor. Mr. Parker motioned that Mr. Renauld be the signatory on the document, Mr. Charon seconded, all in favor.

9. Electric primaries replacement
Mr. O’Neale provided six (6) copies of the contract to Chairman Pierce for signature.

10. Tata & Howard Capital Contract
Mr. O’Neale reported that the filter s need to be replaced, and presented a contract for engineering, design and permitting. The contract includes \$38,000 for design and permitting. Since the Koch filters are the only ones that can fit that skid, a vote will be needed on a proprietary bid. Mr. Renauld reported that the filters will most likely be replaced mid-January to February. Swapping out is time consuming. Mr. Vincent Furtado motioned to engage in the two contracts, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor.

11. ECA Net Metering Update
Mr. O’Neale reported that Attorney Pollard has reviewed the agreement and the Estoppel Agreement defining the financing needs to be signed. Mr. Charon motioned that the MRVWDC authorize Chairman Pierce to sign the Estoppel Agreement, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor.

12. Operations Update
Mr. Renauld reported that the plant is running well however radio communications have been difficult. There is no spare and they could lose communication to the towns, which could have a detrimental impact. Mr. Discussion ensued about the potential ramifications. Mr. Rees motioned to invoke an emergency provision and suspend 30B requirements for the purpose of procurement of the radios, Mr. Parker seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Renauld reported that there have been issues getting propane, and they were down to 25%. They blew a blower out and there was a problem with the stage 400 valve.

Mr. Jeff Furtado motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m., Mr. Rees seconded, all in favor.