



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on April 2, 2024

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [March 5th Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Membership Report
- 5:15 Treasurer's Report (Q1 2024)
- 5:15 Updates
- Visitor Center
 - Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Earth Day Activities
 - Friday April 1st - Mashpee Conservation/AmeriCorps pollinator Garden cleanup & planting
 - Time TBD (Dan?)
 - Saturday April 20th 11am-4pm "Honor the Earth Fair" sponsored by the Native Land Conservancy at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center.
 - Setup 9-11am.
 - 2 shifts 9-12:30, 12:30-4:00
 - Saturday April 20th 10am-2pm - 23rd Annual Cape Cod Canal Clean-Up (AmeriCorps) - at the Herring Run Recreation Area
 - Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1pm to 3pm. Tree Planting Event at Santuit Pond Preserve. Sponsored by Mashpee Conservation
 - May? - Falmouth Rod & Gun Club Spring pollinator field planting with Boy and Girl Scout Troops
 - Order Friends Merchandise (t-shirts, etc.)
- 5:45 Other Business
- Coonamessett Reservation restoration / Mill Pond herring run improvements
 - Discuss 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Cape Cod Individual Placement
 - Discuss and approve budget for plantings this year: POH, FR&GC, refuge gardens
- 6:15 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm

Board Members Attending:

President: Glenn Davis, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Historian: F Thomas Fudala, Neil Barkin, and Nancy Church

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Grace Vachon (AmeriCorps), Grace Bottitta Williamson,(USFWS), Tom Eagle (USFWS), and Wilson Acuna (USFWS)

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for March 5, 2024 were approved unanimously.

Membership Committee

One new member and a donation in memory of Joan Barkin.

Treasurer's report for Q1 2024 Financials

FMNWR Q1 Fiscal Summary

(As reported at April 2th, 2024 monthly board meeting)

CC5 Checking Account (December 2023 \$ 4,956.45)

Income

January \$ 1,683.42

February \$ 495.05

March \$ 380.37

Expenses

January \$ 33.10

February \$ 88.83

March \$ 25.44

Budget (Income-expenses)

January \$ 1,650.32

February \$ 406.22

March \$ 354.93

Q1 value up \$ 2,411.47

Fidelity Accounts

1. Endowment (December 2023 \$ 24,093.24)

January \$ 24,406.38

February \$ 25,202.62

March \$ 25,810.99

Q1 value up \$ 1,717.75

2. Money Market (December 2023 \$ 10,127.95)

January \$ 10,170.80

February \$ 10,210.92

March \$ 10,254.00

Q1 value up \$ 83.20

Updates:

- **Visitor Center**
 - Waiting for meeting with the Town Manager
 - Hope to meet after Town Meeting in May
 - Reach out to Dave Viera
- **Walk for the Wild (WFTW)**
 - Great walk following the route mapped by Tom F.
 - Collected information for the self guided tour for upcoming WFTW
 - Video of Wilson taken speaking about frog and salamander eggs
 - Will later decide which route to take by the Pump Station
 - Pass by the bench or
 - Pass by the native brook trout area
- **Earth Day Activities**
 - Friday April 1st - Mashpee Conservation/AmeriCorps pollinator Garden cleanup & planting
 - Great group of 7 AmeriCorp members working with Friends at Jehu, Red Brook and Pickerel Trailheads
 - Removal of weeds, leaves, twigs, branches, trimmed bushes, planted natives and spread native seeds
 - Built Rabbitat with branches, twigs, and leaves at Jehu
 - Repurposed wood chips from tree trimming on Great Neck Road to put at entrance to Jehu Trailhead
 - Saturday April 20th 11am-4pm "Honor the Earth Fair" sponsored by the Native Land Conservancy at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center.
 - Setup 9-11am.
 - 2 shifts 9-12:30, 12:30-4:00
 - 9 - 12:30 Glenn, Lucinda

- Table?,pollinator banner, brochures, books for Tribal Elders
 - 12:30 - 4:00 Nancy, Tom F
 - Saturday April 20th 10am-2pm - 23rd Annual Cape Cod Canal Clean-Up (AmeriCorps) - at the Herring Run Recreation Area
 - Friends will be at Honor the Earth Fair
 - Information given to Bourne Schools to sign up
 - Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1pm to 3pm. Tree Planting Event at Santuit Pond Preserve. Sponsored by Mashpee Conservation
 - 400 Atlantic White Cedar to be planted
 - Suggestion to have scissors to trim roots and stimulate growth
 - 2 techniques will be shown to plant
 - No sign up needed to volunteer, signs will be posted for parking
 - May 4th - 9:00 am-11 am (Saturday) Falmouth Rod & Gun Club Spring pollinator field planting with Scout Troops
 - Great event with Troop 42 Boys and Girls
 - Planting instructions given to troop
 - In past planted in one hour
 - Wilson may attend
 - MaryKay send reminder email since before our May meeting
 - Order Friends Merchandise (t-shirts, etc.)
 - MaryKay shared different items to purchase from VistaPrint
 - Discussed online sales and disadvantage; responsibility of shipping, stock, organizing, billing, ect
 - Discussed sizes of shirts, perhaps hats/tote bags/cups
 - MaryKay will prepare possible itemized list for our May meeting
 - Discuss at next meetings possible raffle items for WFTW

Other Business

- Coonamessett Reservation restoration / Mill Pond herring run improvements
 - Came about through the "power of partners"
 - USGS needed logs for proposed construction at Mill Pond to help prevent casualties of Blue Heron and Osprey while hunting for Herring and more protection for herring from predators
 - After approval from Wampanoag Tribe and Mashpee Conservation, Friends reached out to

Falmouth Conservation with AmeriCorp to expand the meadow as part of the Coonamessett Restoration near Rt 151. Falmouth Conservation marked wood for AmeriCorp to cut for the Mill Pond project, loaded into a USGS van. Mashpee Concom then worked with USGS in the construction. All accomplished in less than a week! This is the power of the partners with our Friends group collaborating and achieving multiple stewardship projects.

- Discuss 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Cape Cod Individual Placement
 - Nancy stepping down as coordinator, discussed with Lucinda about taking on the Service Partner position
 - New Service Partner should attend the upcoming meeting with AmeriCorp
 - Register for meeting
 - Nancy and Lucinda write 2024/2025 proposal, review with Glenn and MaryKay
 - Meet with WBNERR to discuss partnership
 - Proposal due May 17, 2024
- Discuss and approve budget for plantings this year: POH, FR&GC, refuge gardens
 - Discussion over future purchases of plants for upcoming plantings at Falmouth Rod and Gun Club, Refuge and POH
 - \$600 from WFTW to be used toward plant purchases.
 - Potential grant from NWRA for greenhouse
 - As a non-profit must contribute to public
 - [Unanimous approval to spend up to \\$2,000 for plants for upcoming projects](#)

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:01pm