



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting June 4, 2024

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Meeting Etiquette: To keep our meetings as productive as possible and to encourage a welcoming and respectful atmosphere for all participants, *please*:
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 - Respect each other's thinking and value everyone's contributions
 - Follow-through on action items
- 5:10 Updates
- Partner Updates
 - Visitor Center
 - Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Next meeting June 5th @2pm, Town Hall/South Cape Room
 - June Events:
 - 6/9 12-4pm: Race Amity Day, Mashpee Community Park
 - 6/13 10:30: Osprey presentation, Mashpee Senior Center (GD)
 - 6/20 12pm: Partners Meeting (???)
 - 6/25 10:30: MNWR presentation, Mashpee Senior Center (MK)
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- 5:45 Other Business
- Approve [May 7 Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Membership Report
 - FWS Fundraising Agreement
- 6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order 5:08 pm

Board Members Attending:

President: Glenn Davis, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Neil Barkin,

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Kristen Weir (WBNERR), and Tom Eagle (USFWS)

Meeting Minutes

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Updates:

- **Partner Updates**

- WBNERR: Cape Cod Coastal Conference on June 18th
 - Focus on removal of nitrogen and towns need to develop watershed plans for DEP
 - <https://waquoitbayreserve.org/2024-cape-coastal-conference/>
 - Agenda at a glance
 - https://waquoitbayreserve.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-CapeCoastalConference_Agenda-at-a-Glance_June-3_2024.pdf
 - Organizations can provide brochures
 - Glenn and Lucinda will attend and bring brochures
 - Plastics presentation is canceled
 - Will be scheduled at later date; hope not in conflict with Friends meeting
 - Growing Wild Native Pollinators 10-12 at WBNERR
 - Free pollinator plants and seed packets

- **Visitor Center**

- Dan Kent reviewed update
 - Friends have met with Mashpee Town Manager and Dan met with Town Counsel
 - 20 year lease with auto renewal if maintained
 - Similar to other town leases to non-profits

- Discuss at Partners Meeting
 - Tom Eagle thanked Dan Kent for his help, guidance and the town of Mashpee for support of Visitor Center
 - Not many responses re attending the Partner's Meeting
 - Will ask for responses so we know attendance for lunch
 - Friends Agreement is waiting approval
- **Walk for the Wild (WFTW)**
 - Next meeting June 5th @2pm, Town Hall/Jehu Room
 - Already have sponsors, raffle items
 - Ask Partners for donation items at Partners Meeting
 - Grace has worked on infographics, interviewed members of Wampanoag Tribe
 - Asked if Partners would like to attend our WFTW Planning meeting, may also provide Zoom if needed
- **June Events:**
 - 6/9 12-4pm: Race Amity Day, Mashpee Community Park
 - Glenn, Lucinda, MaryKay set up
 - Lucinda, MaryKay do closing
 - 6/13 10:30: Osprey presentation, Mashpee Senior Center (GD)
 - Provide membership and volunteer information
 - - 6/20 12pm: Partners Meeting
 - Previously discussed by Tom Eagle
 - 6/25 10:30: MNWR presentation, Mashpee Senior Center (MK)

Other Business

- **Osprey Cam**
 - Falmouth Osprey Project and Mick Moriarty Tree Service
 - Helped with black trash bag removal from nest
 - Returned to look for missing chick

Approve [May 7 Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)

- unanimous vote to approve

Membership Report

- No new memberships this month

FWS Fundraising Agreement

- It is at Regional Office waiting for review
- If questions arise Tom Eagle suggests a call to discuss procedures
 - Look into possible funds for fundraising
 - Cape Cod Foundation and others

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:49 pm