



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on August 6, 2024

AGENDA:

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Meeting Etiquette: To keep our meetings as productive as possible and to encourage a welcoming and respectful atmosphere for all participants, please:

- *Be on time and come prepared*
- *Listen to others without interrupting*
- *Keep comments brief and on-point (refrain from personal stories)*
- *Respect each other's thinking and value everyone's contributions*
- *Follow-through on action items*

5:00 Introductions

5:10 Updates

- Partner Updates
- Visitor Center
- Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Next meeting Thursday August 15th @11am, Town Hall
 - Save the Date and Spread the Word! WFTW Sunday October 13th 11am-2pm
- Upcoming Events:
 - 8/12 10:30: Climate Change Presentation, Mashpee Sr Ctr (Neil)
 - (date TBD) Monarch Presentation, Mashpee Sr Ctr (MK)
 - 10/5 10am-4pm Mashpee Oktoberfest
 - 10/13 11am-2pm WFTW

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5:45 Other Business

- Approve [June 4 Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)
- Membership Report

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6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:04 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), Tom Eagle (USFWS), and John Ford.

Meeting Minutes

- **Review Meeting Etiquette**
 - Meeting Etiquette read
- **Introductions**
 - All in attendance introduced themselves
- **Updates:**
 - **Partner Updates**
 - WBNERR: (Ryan Clark)
 - [Cape Cod Coastal Conference notes](#) are on the WBNERR page
 - Jim Wright is the new full time Parks Supervisor at WBNERR
 - Kids Teaching Kids event is on August 13th
 - Ryan is scheduling a focus group meeting, tentative dates September 12 or 13.
 - Cookout on the Bay had 400 in attendance
 - Hope to have Friends table next year
 - John Ford shared that the 4 Piping Plover eggs are hatched
 - Citizens Protection for Waquoit Bay Annual Meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 at WBNERR
 - Mashpee Conservation (Dan Kent)
 - No updates
 - USFW (Tom Eagle)
 - No new positions/hires
 - Trees falling into water at Monomoy, cleaning up debris from Nantucket Sound wind turbines
 - **TASK TO COMPLETE:**
 - Tom Eagle will share the Contact Number for who to contact about debris found from wind turbine
 - **Visitor Center**
 - The \$30,000 earmark passed in the State Budget
 - **TASK TO COMPLETE:**
 - Step 1: Glenn will reach out to the contact person for details about spending the money
 - Step 2: Drafting RFP for landscape design
 - Step 3: Prepare for the Warrant for the Spring Town Meeting
 - Step 4: Please send names of potential landscape designer to Friends

- Jim Rassman looked over the property to give suggestions to site building & greenhouse, tree clearing, including how to mitigate sound from Route 28
 - **Fundraising Agreement:** (Tom Eagle)
 - There are discussions about the Friends Fundraising Agreement in reference to any donations to the Friends towards the Visitor Center
 - **TASK TO COMPLETE:**
 - Tom Eagle will set up a call to discuss this with Oliver Cygan including members of the Friends
 - Suggestion that Friends group talk with National Friends Group about raising money for Visitor Center
 - Dan Kent will talk with Town Counsel about the lease agreement.
 - **Walk for the Wild (WFTW)**
 - Next meeting Thursday August 15th @11am, Town Hall
 - Partners are welcome to attend
 - Partners encouraged to spread the word
 - Save the Date and Spread the Word! WFTW Sunday October 13th 11am-2pm
 - **TASK TO COMPLETE:**
 - Send digital flyers and link to Partners
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 - **TASK TO COMPLETE:**
 - At September meeting will select times to volunteer
 - 10/13 11am-2pm WFTW
- **Other Business**
 - **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**
 - Minutes for June 4, 2024 were approved unanimously.
 - **Membership Committee**
 - 6 new members, 1 renewed membership and 2 recurring members
 - All donations recieved in past months have been done through PayPal.

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:01 pm.