



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on September 3, 2024

AGENDA:

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

5:05 Updates

- Partner Updates
- Visitor Center
 - Review RFP for site design
- Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Sunday October 13th 11am-4pm
 - Tables for Partners
 - Volunteers
 - Spread the Word!
- AmeriCorps
 - New member starts 10/15
 - CapeSpace start date
 - 1-year FMNWR membership for Grace and future AC grads
- Upcoming Events:
 - Partners meeting tentative on Tuesday Oct 22
 - 10/5 10am-4pm Mashpee Oktoberfest
 - (date TBD) Monarch Presentation, Mashpee Sr Ctr (MK)

6:00 Other Business

- Approve [August 6 Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)
- Membership Report
- Order merch for Oktoberfest and WFTW

6:15 Adjourn

Meeting called to order 5:06

Board Members Attending:

President: Glenn Davis, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Historian: F Thomas Fudala, Neil Barkin, Tania Lewandowski

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Grace Vachon, Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tom Eagle (USFWS), Dale Oakley (Wampanoag Tribe)

Meeting Minutes

Updates:

Partner Updates

- WBNERRR
 - New staff member (Jim Wright)
 - Would discuss in our meeting about involvement with WFTW
- Falmouth Conservation
 - Coonamessett Fields Project is completed, grant from Mass Wildlife
 - Prescribed burn in future
- Wampanoag Tribe
 - New field tech keeping up with watering of plants planted during POH
 - Pesticide Workshop: September 18th (hybrid)
 - 2 days: second is field trip
- Falmouth Rod and Gun Club
 - A.D. sent email update, read by Glenn
 - Continuing focus on youth events:
 - Annual Youth Day-big success
 - Youth Pheasant Workshop September 21
 - Youth Deer Hunt Sept 28
 - Youth Pheasant Hunt October 12
 - Youth Fishing Trip completed in July
 - WFTW advertised in FR&GC and SSCEF websites
- USFWS
 - Week of Sept 9th crew camping at Noman Island collecting data on NE Cottontail
 - Week following extracting trees off Monomoy
 - Working on Friends Fundraiser Agreement
- Mashpee Conservation
 - No updates

Visitor Center

- Review RFP for site design
 - Suggestion comments given by Joan Pierce of Mass F&W be added
 - Request to send email from Joan Pierce
 - Structure the RFP differently by separating landscape design and building design
 - For the Town Meeting per Dan we need 2 plans:

1. Site Design
 - Dimensions of buildings, utilities, path, hardscape
 2. Landscape Plan
 - a. Names of plants in bed, flower beds, rain garden, path
 3. Architect Plans will be later after Town Meeting
 4. Dan will use the map that Dan and Tom Eagle made for Town Meeting
 5. Lease will be used since town uses this for all other organizations
- WBNERR will provide list on consultants
 - Some firms will do both Site Plan and Landscape Design or work with other company
 - Also need to see who accepts the bid
 - Dates not yet given by the state for spending Earmark Funding
 - Reviewed possibility of Upper Tech doing construction
 - Mark K said needs to be separate RFP for building and landscape, also to whittle down the specifics due to cost
 - Tom stated he could work on Site Plan
 - Request to send the specifics of the Earmark to all
- Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Sunday October 13th 11am-4pm
 - Tables for Partners
 - Email Lucinda if you want to have a table
 - Volunteers
 - Email Lucinda if you want to volunteer
 - Registration is September 9th
 - Spread the Word!
 - AmeriCorps
 - New member starts 10/15
 - CapeSpace start date
 - Will check on date to start
 - Possibly have October meeting there
 - 1-year FMNWR membership for Grace and future AC grads
 - Grace has made Scavenger Hunt and Monarch poster for WFTW
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Partners meeting tentative on Tuesday Oct 22
 - Tom Eagle will send out possible dates for meeting in the first weeks of November on a Tuesday so AmeriCorp can attend

- 10/5 10am-4pm Mashpee Oktoberfest
 - Check with Wilson to see if he can attend and times
 - Set up at 9:00
 - Morning 9-12? 1? (Lucinda, MaryKay, Grace?)
 - Afternoon 1-4 (Tom, Tania, Lucinda, Grace?)
- (date TBD) Monarch Presentation, Mashpee Sr Ctr (MK)

Other Business

- **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**
 - Minutes for August 6th, 2024 were approved unanimously with 2 abstaining since not at the August 6th meeting.
- **Membership Committee**
 - No new members in August.
- **Order merch for Oktoberfest and WFTW**
 - Unanimous vote to approve spending up to \$750 for Fall Events
 - APCC Pollinator Path sign (10 at \$105.)
 - Order from VistaPrints
 - Mugs, long sleeve, short sleeve, etc
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- **All 3 Friends Group**
 - Tom Eagle will invite all 3 Friends groups to meet in Oct/Nov to discuss funding

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:42.