



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Hybrid Meeting at CapeSpace and Zoom 5pm

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
- Walk for the Wild (WFTW)
 - Sunday October 13th 11am-4pm
 - Tables available for Partners
 - Volunteer schedule
 - Spread the Word! Signs and flyers available.
- Mashpee Oktoberfest
 - Saturday 10/5 10am-4pm (rain date Sunday 10/6)
 - Volunteer schedule
- AmeriCorps
 - New member starts 10/15
- Falmouth Newcomers event
 - November 14
 - Volunteer schedule
- Visitor Center
 - Next steps for site design

5:45 Other Business

- Collaboration with PLA on fundraising
- Approve [September 3 Monthly Meeting Minutes](#)
- Membership Report
- Great NonProfits - need one more review!
<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/friends-of-the-mashpee-national-wildlife-refuge-inc>

6:15 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:08

Board Members Attending:

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

Others in attendance:

Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Grace Vachon, Lynne Atkins (Orenda), Jim Wright (WBNERR)

Meeting Minutes

- **Introductions**
- **Reviewed Etiquette**
- **Updates:**
 - **Partner Updates**
 - **WBNERR (Ryan Clark)**
 - Had focus group to discuss 5 year management with Partners
 - Some in attendance Glenn Davis, Josh Nigro, Grace Bottitta Williamson, Tom Eagle, Steve Hurley
 - Included groups for next meeting will be Orenda, FR&GC and Wampanoag Tribe
 - Great discussion
 - Previous workshops
 - Cranberry Bog restoration
 - Underwater mapping (benthic mapping)
 - **Orenda (Lynn Atkins)**
 - Wrapping up gardens
 - Fundraiser on October 12, 2024
 - **Walk For The Wild**
 - 3 registered
 - Explained that on Free registration page, there is option to donate
 - Donations on the Registration page are then partially matched by the Amplifier Fund of national donors to the PLA (Public Land Alliance)
 - The PLA determines the percentage of the Amplifier Fund given to each Friends group according to the amount raised by each Friends Group. The more money donated on the registration page, the higher percentage your Friends group is given.
 - Donations can be given on the registration page, through October 31st

- Sales at Naukabout are not considered towards the Amplifier Fund
 - Ways we are advertising
 - Press Release to all 4 papers, yard signs to partners, several Facebook groups, emails to members, word of mouth, flyers given to partners, flyers to all donors and sponsors, contacted some walking groups, AmeriCorp, Falmouth NewComers, APCC has it in their newsletter, events section of paper
 - Suggestion to email the past years participants
 - TV outside to set up video at Naukabout
 - Get wifi connection from staff
 - Bring Friends computer and cords
 - Beverage sign
 - Can use last years sign or Tania can bring dry erase board
 - New 2024 WFTW stickers are on their way from PLA
 - Finish Line will be at the entrance to Tom's beverage sales
 - Set up at 10:00
 - Tasks
 - All arrive and help with set up
 - Registration Table at Attaquin Parking Lot
 - Registration and Shuttle 11-1
 - Table at the Start/Quashnet MS
 - Times 11-1
 - Information area/Sales of merchandise/raffle items/crafts
 - Set up the Finish Line
 - Ready for noon arrivals
 - Lucinda email SEMCO again about advertising
 - Lucinda email Dan, Cameron re cones (copy Tania)
 - 3 road crossings (2 cones per road) Old Barnstable, Lowell, Lovell
 - 4 plus cones on Rt 130
 - May need to purchase cones (Tania has information)
 - Order by Thursday for delivery 8 cones/\$100
- **Oktoberfest**
 - Times
 - 8:30 - 12:30
 - Grace, Lucinda (Wilson arrives at 10:00)
 - Mashpee Recreation help with carrying
 - 12:00 - 4:00
 - MaryKay, Tom, Tania, Wilson

- **AmeriCorps Member**
 - Kaycee Doherty
 - Start date is October 15th (Tuesday)
 - Let's meet for Welcome Lunch at Panera
 - Date and time will be emailed
 - She will also partner with Mashpee Natural Resources (Tyler Grady)
- **Falmouth Newcomers**
 - Community Fair at First Congregational Church in Falmouth
 - November 14th 10:00-11:30
 - Set up 9:15-10:00
 - Share a table with 1 or 2 other groups
 - Also will send in information to their Volunteer Committee
- **Visitor Center**
 - Need specifics as to what is needed for Town Meeting, State
 - Suggestion to have survey with utilities, gradient of land
 - Tom Eagle mentioned USFW may have someone to do site design
 - No update from the state about requirements, dates
 - Glenn email state contact for timing, requirements, date to get money, and date to spend
 - Suggestion to be squeaky wheel due to all the emails they receive
 - Suggestion to ask for specifics from town as to what is needed at each step, with clear explanation what that looks like and includes so we are prepared.
- **OTHER Business:**
 - PLA Fundraiser
 - Tania explained the discussions at meetings
 - We will need a plan to explain how we will spend any potential grants
 - Emphasize ADA accessible, habitat for birds, pollinator gardens
 - ***Motion was made for Tania Lewandowski to be the Lead Person representing the FMNWR in support of the pilot program with the PLA. The vote was unanimous in favor of this.***
 - Tania will provide updates at each monthly meeting
 - Xerces Book Attracting Native Pollinators
 - Merchandise arriving for Oktoberfest and WFTW
 - Pollinator Pathway signs have arrived
 - MaryKay explained that this book was purchased in the past

- The cost of the book for non-profits is \$14.28
 - *Motion was raised to purchase 25 book, Attracting Native Pollinators, at \$14.28 for total cost of \$395.00. The vote was unanimous in favor of this.*
- **Approve September Minutes**
 - Unanimous vote to approve the minutes from September
- **Membership Report**
 - 2 recurring members and 1 renewal
- **Great Non-Profits**
 - Tania will provide a review on website.
 - After January, we will each go to to write a review
 - Reminders provided at meetings
- **Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:34**