



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting November 12, 2024 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*
 - *Mashpee Conservation: bat & bird boxes with STEM students (Dan)*
 - *AmeriCorps: new member Kaycee Doherty*
- *Visitor Center*
 - *Review lease for 966 Falmouth Rd*
 - *Legal and insurance considerations*
- *Collaboration with PLA on fundraising (Tania)*
- *Falmouth Newcomers Community Service Fair*
 - *November 14, 10-11:30 (setup between 9:15-10:00)*
 - *First Congregational Church, 68 Main St, Falmouth*
 - *Lucinda and MaryKay will set up and staff*
- *Partners Meeting*
 - *November 19 @ 9:00 am at WBNERR Boathouse*

5:45 Other Business

- *Treasurer's Report (Q3 2024)*
- *Approve October 1 Monthly Meeting Minutes*
- *Membership Report?*

6:15 Adjourn

Meeting called to order 5:02

Board Members Attending:

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

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tom Eagle (USFWS), Kaycee Doherty (AmeriCorps) and Lynne Barbee

Meeting Minutes

Updates:

- Partner Updates
 - AmeriCorps: new member Kaycee Doherty
 - Kaycee shared that she is excited to be supporting the FMNWR
 - Will be writing articles and also supporting us with pollinator gardens
 - Helping us to build volunteers base
 - Creating presentations
 - After hearing she enjoyed writing and was a good journalist, Lynne Barbee suggested that she write an article for the Mashpee Enterprise about pollinator gardens
 - Mashpee Conservation: bat & bird boxes with STEM students (Dan)
 - Dan explained that the students at Mashpee High School cut wood and the students at Quashnet MS build the bluebird and bat boxes
 - Asked for suggestions to place boxes
 - TASKS to COMPLETE
 - Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Teaticket Park (300 Committee), Upper Coonamessett, Mashpee Transfer Station, Tech Park (Tania)
- Visitor Center
 - Review lease for 966 Falmouth Rd
 - Draft lease was sent by Dan for Board to review
 - Glenn will merge comments and send to Dan
 - Final date to send to Dan is January so Town Counsel can review

TASK to COMPLETE

 - Dan will check land lease of VFW
 - Legal and insurance considerations
 - Glenn contacted past board member that is attorney
 - He will review the lease by the end of the month

- Glenn spoke to Rogers & Gray and an insurance company that Friends of Woods Waters uses
 - **TASK to COMPLETE**
 - Dan will see if insurance can piggyback on town insurance
 - No word from state about funding
- Collaboration with PLA on fundraising (Tania)
 - Will report next month with details from meeting
 - Glenn and Tania had been on call with PLA
 - Possible funding with Yawkey Foundation
 - We are only group from the Northeast looking for grants
 - Suggested we ask for \$50,000 grant
- Falmouth Newcomers Community Service Fair
 - November 14, 10-11:30 (setup between 9:15-10:00)
 - First Congregational Church, 68 Main St, Falmouth
 - Lucinda and MaryKay will set up and staff
 - Kaycee created slideshow for the event
- Partners Meeting
 - November 19 @ 9:00 am at WBNERR Boathouse
 - Friends bring breakfast
 - Quarterly meeting, next in the Spring
 - Visitor Center will be discussed
 - Agenda items will be sent to Tom Eagle

Other Business

- **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**
 - Minutes for October 1, 2024 were approved unanimously.
- **Membership Committee**
 - No new members
- **Treasurer’s report for Q3 2024 Financials**

CC5 Checking Account \$ 6,818.08

Income

July	\$ 469.04
August	\$ 500.07
Sept	\$ 395.51

Expenses

July	\$ 1,483.88
August	\$ 296.47

Sept \$ 1,340.26

Budget (Income-expenses)

July - \$ 1,014.84

August +\$ 203.60

Sept - \$ 944.69

Q3 down - \$ 1,755.99

Fidelity Accounts

1. Endowment (June 2024 \$ 26,538.60)

July \$ 26,462.70

August \$ 27,329.14

Sept \$ 27,798.46

Q3 value up \$ 1,259.86

2. Money Market (June 2024 \$ 10,381.20)

July \$ 10,425.01

August \$ 10,468.01

Sept \$ 10,510.32

Q3 value up \$ 129.12

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:12