



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Hybrid Meeting Zoom/Cape Space December 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
 - AmeriCorps (Kaycee)
- Visitor Center
 - State earmark status
 - Lease status (Dan)
 - Planning discussions with Partners

5:45 Other Business

- Approve [November 12 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Membership Report

6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order 5:03pm

Board Members Attending:

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

Others in attendance:

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

Meeting Minutes

- Introductions not needed
- Rules read

Updates:

- Partner Updates
 - AmeriCorps (Kaycee)
 - Explained placement
 - 1 year dedication, 2 placements
 - 9 objectives
 - Learn about Friends/Partners, write articles, increase volunteers/membership, attend meetings, create and give presentations, school pollinator project, attend webinars, WFTW and learn and prepare for future through experiences
 - Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation)
 - Working on kiosks solution to critters and elements
 - Ordering maps for display
 - Information on plants and history
 - QR codes to link to Friends website and brochures
 - Will be aluminum/rubber, no plexiglass
 - Tom E. suggested aluminum frame cabinet
 - Tom Eagle (USFW)
 - New signs for refuge (Oxbow, Assabet) made by Voss
 - Blue with white lettering
 - Pick a mascot for the signs (they chose wood duck)
 - Ryan Clark (WBNERR)
 - **TASK TO COMPLETE**
 - **Add Ryan to mailing list**
 - Needs Assessment being sent
 - Washburn Island
 - opening campgrounds
 - Problem with no overnight parking
 - Discussed Southern pine beetle
 - Dredging Eel River Channel
 - Change to south tip of Washburn Island
 - Mark Kaspryzk (Falmouth Conservation)
 - Coonamessett Fields
 - DPW cleared away debris from cuttings
 - Reducing invasives

- Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation)
 - NE Mountain Bike Club concern over going through Tribal Land on trails
 - The Tribe said they may use, but do not go off of the trails
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Dan and Mark have discussion about mountain bike usage on trails
 - Tom Eagle (USFW)
 - Continued budget cuts
 - Moving office to Assabet Refuge old VC building
- Visitor Center
 - State earmark status
 - Paperwork sent to the state
 - In 45 days we should receive ½ of funding
 - Then submit estimates, receipts prior to receiving other ½
 - All should be spent by June 30, 2025
 - Lease status (Dan)
 - DPW waiting for details to comment about parking lot
 - Using the Child's River Lease since land lease to redraft
 - Geared more to land not to buildings
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Draft lease sent to the Board for input
 - Wants to have our input prior to End of January
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Tom F. looking into location of asbestos distribution box
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Who put new light pole in the parking lot?
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Any paperwork/holdings on May Institute on lease of 966 Falmouth Road(past land owner)
 - Planning discussions with Partners
 - No cost to Friends
 - WBNERR/NOAA will be facilitators
 - TASK TO COMPLETE
 - Find dates that facilitators are available
 - Send Doodle Poll
 - 2-3 meetings needed
 - Weeks of Jan 13th and Jan 27, 2025
 - GIS map

- **TASK TO COMPLETE:** Dan sending map, Kaycee to create for town meeting article on 966 lease by end of January or asap

Other Business

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for November 12, 2024 approved Davis, Fox, Keith, Barkin (T. Fudala abstaining)

Membership Committee

- 4 renewal members and 1 new member
 - All residents on the Cape, 4 in Mashpee

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:19