



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

April 7, 2020, ZOOM meeting

AGENDA

4:00 Introductions/COVID-19 Update

4:05 Vote on March Minutes

4:10 Updates

- Suspended and Cancelled Events Due to COVID-19
- Pollinator Gardens
- Conservation Land Status
- Quarterly Meeting Notes
- Projects, AmeriCorps Member Andrew Schwitzgebel
- Tom Eagle

4:50 Plan for Next Meeting

5:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting via ZOOM

Tuesday, April 7th, 2020

4:00-5:00 PM

Board Members Attending: Katelyn Cadoret, Nancy Church, MaryKay Fox, Tom Fudala, Birgit Nelson, Carol Finn, Glenn Davis

All Others Attending: Tom Eagle, Andrew Schwitzgebel

Meeting minutes from March 3rd, 2020 will be voted on at a later meeting.

This meeting was held via ZOOM due to social distancing protocols for COVID-19.

Updates:

Katelyn updated the board on the following:

- The Peer-to-Peer Workshop will be rescheduled for September 20th, 2020

- The following events are cancelled: The Herring Count Program, Earth Day planting at Jehu on 4/22 (MK and Katelyn will plant at a different time without volunteers), the May Quashnet Watershed 7th Grade Field Trips,
- #WeAreMashpee store and Naukabout Wild About Wildlife talks are postponed for now (still waiting to hear from Peter Murner)
- Carol will not be stocking maps and brochures at this time due to possible spread of COVID-19. They are available on the Mashpee Town and Friends webpages
- Work has been done in the pollinator gardens to prep for spring planting.
- We are finalizing AmeriCorps 2020 IP application. The member may be assigned to make signage for the Refuge.
- Mashpee Conservation lands are still open to the public; the Trustee of Reservations have closed their properties; state Wildlife Management Areas are open.
- From the Friends Regional Quarterly Meeting Notes: Friends Academy will be held August 3rd-7th in West Virginia; will update when applications are open. Also \$525.3M requested for 2021 budget for USFWS.
- Mashpee Town Hall, Library and all Town Offices will be closed until May 4th

Andrew S. updated the board on the following:

- He has been working on a “Rabbitat” brochure for the public; it includes information on how to build a brush pile for the New England Cottontail. It is in the review stage.
- The newsletter has been split into two: Winter 2020 and Spring 2020.

Glenn updated the board on the following:

- He will continue to work on updating the Friends webpage, and will follow up with MaryKay.

Tom Eagle updated the board on the following:

- Prescribed burning is suspended as of right now. USFWS can pay for the Red Brook Road kiosk- AmeriCorps will build this at their home site. Will figure out how to get it to the site and install.
- Fishing’s Future is an organization looking to expand into the Northeast; he will inquire with partners in they are interested in a conference call.
- The official document to open the Refuge is prepared.
- There will be a new cover put on the Watershed on Wheels trailer at WBNERR.
- The Friends Agreement is in the final stages, and he will send the draft as soon as it is ready.
- The Falmouth Rod and Gun Club just received \$890,000 in grant funding for the Childs River Restoration.

MaryKay Fox e-mailed the board the Treasurer’s Report for March.

Treasurer's report For March 2020 Expenditures

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account was @ 14,412.56 (Last month was \$16,057.66). **Yearly Rate of Return is -2.47**
 - **March 20th, lowest drop at \$13,039**
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking \$ 4,461.94
 - Deposit of \$200.00
 1. Two membership \$200
 - interest = \$0.19
3. Cape Cod 5 Grant checking \$1,202.20
 - Deposit, interest = \$ 0.06
 - Purchases
 - Home Depot \$39.06
 - Home Depot \$8.54

Each board member shared an interesting wildlife/spring-related thought.

Suggestions for Next Meeting: The Board agreed to read "How We Got Here: The History of the MNWR" and to pick out 5 quotes and 3 interesting facts to share next meeting.

Adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th at 4:00PM via ZOOM.