



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

August 4, 2020

4:00 Introductions (5 minutes)

4:02 Vote on July Minutes

4:05 Updates

- Pollinator Boxes
- AmeriCorps IP
- Rabbitat Brochure
- Johns Pond
- Childs River Kick-Off Meeting
- New Pollinator garden off GNRN
- Quashnet River Meeting
- Red Brook Road

4:25 NWRA Donation: Vote

4:30 Brainstorm Ways to Move Forward

4:40 Adjourn

Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Remote ZOOM Meeting 4:00pm

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 Online Zoom Meeting

4:00PM-5:00PM

Board Members Attending: Katelyn Cadoret, MaryKay Fox, Glenn Davis, Birgit Nelson, Nancy Church

Others in Attendance: Tom Eagle, Rachel Mehmel, Mark Kasprysk

Meeting Minutes from July 7th, 2020. Approved unanimously

Updates:

Senior Corps built new nesting boxes for the pollinator gardens; they were installed on 7/22. We may have them build a second set of boxes.

We received notification that we will have an AmeriCorps Individual Placement for the 2020-2021 Year. They will be working with us and WBNERR one day a week, and will be stationed at WBNERR using COVID-19 requirements. Mark K. indicated there will be 6-8 fewer members this year, potentially 19 overall for both houses.

The Rabbitat Brochure will hopefully be finalized soon, there is no update otherwise.

Johns Pond is currently open only to Town residents. Typically, it is open to everyone in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but due to COVID that will not be the case this season. All Mashpee town beaches are enacting this policy.

The Childs River Restoration Project is almost shovel ready. There is a pre-construction on-site on Thursday, and they are waiting Federal Highway Funding.

There is a new pollinator garden off Great Neck Road North, planted by an Eagle Scout.

The Division of Ecological Restoration on-site regarding the Quashnet River Restoration project will most likely result in Provisional Priority Project Status.

There was a culvert failure at Red Brook Road, which is in the Refuge Acquisition Boundary.

Mark K. stated there is a licensed applicator to help with black swallowwort at the Coonamessett Fields, although drought conditions are hampering the efforts. They may be able to burn the fields.

Nancy mentioned there are master gardeners working on the WBNERR fields.

The board voted to donate \$75 to the National Wildlife Refuge Association (Glenn made motion, Birgit seconded motion).

Kelsey from USFWS is working on creating QR codes for the History Booklet and Trail Maps to be installed at the trail head kiosks.

Tom Eagle stated Seth from Falmouth Rod and Gun Club will sponsor "Fishing's Future" and will try to convene a fishing committee for volunteers. It is potentially good for the Friends group to get involved with in the future.

Rachel M. has created a pollinator station for a temporary activity at Heritage Gardens.

MK suggested we work on revamping the kiosks.

Glenn suggested we come up with a game plan on how to follow up with members, including renewing membership, especially after initial donations. Right now, a thank you card, car stickers, trail guide, Friends brochure, and History Booklet are all sent in response to donations/membership. This will be discussed more at next meeting.

MK indicated she had more pollinator plants to add to the gardens.

Glenn made a motion to adjourn, MK seconded. The meeting ended around 5:00PM.

July Treasurer's Report had been submitted via email by MaryKay:

Treasurer's report For July expenditures

1. **Fidelity/ Endowment Account** currently is at \$17,871.69 Up by \$822.30 from last month. Rate of Return for the year 9.92%

2. Cape Cod 5 Grant checking \$ 1,108.66

- Deposit interest =\$0.04
- Purchases: Plant seed & bulbs from Amazon \$18.19, \$10.61, \$18.67= \$47.47

3. Cape Cod 5 Main checking \$4,716.70

- MA State Attorney \$35.00 (2020 taxes)
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- Deposit, interest 0.19