



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

December 2, 2019

- 4:00 Introductions (5 minutes)
- 4:05 Vote on November Minutes
- 4:10 Updates
- 4:15 Assign "Snack Bringers"
- 4:20 Planning Events
- 4:40 Treasurer's Reports
- 4:50 Other Business: Friends Charter/Mission Statement/Board Structure?
- 5:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019

Mashpee Public Library

4:04-6:03PM

Board Members Attending: MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church, Katelyn Cadoret, Tom Fudala, Birgit Nelson

Other Members in Attendance: Glenn Davis, Carol Finn

Oktoberfest and Naukabout Events: Canceled in October due to Nor'easter.

MNWR Maps/Trail Distribution: MK dropped off several copies of the refuge map, history book and brochures to John Adams (Mashpee Land Steward). John is working with the library in compiling conservation maps in a file folder for the public to access. The library did away with open access to many town resources that were located on the second floor on top of one of the book shelves so we are not able to distribute multiple copies in the Library anymore. Katelyn brought maps to the Chamber of Commerce, and will drop off one History book and the Friends Brochures. TD Bank may be another option.

Potential Outreach/Collaborations: MaryKay has been talking to Consuelo Carrol of the "#We Are Mashpee" store in the Mashpee Commons. They are interested in put up a display about the Refuge and to do possibly a monthly event at the store. She will also be speaking to the School Committee Education Board on Monday, 11/18 (this was cancelled and rescheduled for Dec meeting). Katie Martin, a STEM teacher at the KC Coombs School, who participated in the pollinator gardens and had presented this report and raising monarchs by school children to the school Committee, which was very well received. Katie started with two (2) small gardens in the spring, and expanded them with the kids in the fall to almost the entire courtyard. She had started giving out "Good Behavior" tokens that would allow the kids to help with the garden. She has also been raising monarchs in class with the milkweed they grow at the school. One student raised 100 monarchs. Word spread

amongst the parents and kids which resulted in many monarchs being raised by the families over the summer. The second grade student who got everyone excited to raise the monarchs participated in the presentation at the School Committee Meeting with Katie Martin. The School Committee would like to see more of this kind of work and asked the Friends to give a 30 minute talk at the school meeting in December.

Nancy also brought up the Watershed Field Trips with eight, 7th grade classes starting next year with teacher Laishona Vitelli, science teacher at Mashpee Middle/ High School. There will be field trips in May, the 4 dates are May 6th, 8th, 13th, 22nd, and 29th. There will be about 50 students each day. Volunteers will be needed to work with small groups. MaryKay will mention this collaboration to the School Committee. Once these collaborations and potential pollinator garden expansion is discussed with the Committee, more of the teachers can participate within the refuge for teaching ecological studies.

Other outreach includes Tom Fudala contributing to the “Mashpee Clean Waters” Facebook Zoom-based webinars to educate the town on Wastewater.

Training Opportunities: Friends Peer-to-Peer Workshop (USFWS Association): The Peer-to-Peer Workshop will be held on March 28, 2020 and will include Friends groups from the Eastern MA Complex.

The NFWF Capacity Building Grant has been applied for by the Assabet NWR Friends group, and was submitted on 10/25. Part of the training is what does it mean to be a nonprofit, board recruitment, mentor training, and help with specific projects and events.

Tom Eagle and Linh Phu have asked what our goals are for the Friends Group, and we plan on asking for support at the next Refuge Partners Meeting. We may be able to get our own Office and expand our income as a result.

Upcoming Events: Nancy (WBNERR) will lead a walk at Jehu Pond Conservation Area.

Meeting minutes from July, September, and October were approved.

Board/Officer Discussion: The Board can have co-presidents. Partners should be helping more in the future, with efforts such as Boat Rides in Waquoit Bay and potential kayaking trips. Even with our varied partners, we can collaborate effectively and amicably.

New Board Members Vote: All voted unanimously for the following new board members:

- Glenn Davis and Carol Finn.

2020 Officer Vote: All voted unanimously for the following officers:

- President: Katelyn Cadoret
- Treasurer: MaryKay Fox
- Clerk: Tom Fudala

Other Discussion: Carol had attended a talk on the restoration of bogs hosted by the Woods Hole Research Center. MaryKay will distribute the Friends Bylaws, Charter and Mission Statement to all.

Booking Meeting Room: We can book the Library for 3 months out. Nancy will

schedule the meetings.

Other Partner Projects: Jim Rassman from WBNERR will have an Eagle Scout build kiosks for his project. They will go to Red Brook Road, Coonamessett, and potentially Johns Pond.

Herring Count Program Results: Katelyn shared the Herring Count Program results from 2019. The Quashnet River is one of the three runs in Town that is in the Refuge; the count yielded roughly 26,000, which was an increase from 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account \$16,064.72
 - On October 3rd, we withdrew #2,500 to pay for the Refuge's 25th Anniversary events that the Friends and Partners will be planning in 2020. That left the balance at \$15,397.43. In the last month, the account has gained \$667.29. So far, the account has an annual rate of return of 11.73%
2. Cape Cod 5 Grant checking \$1,105.92
 - Herb Heidt =\$70.00
3. Cape Cod 5 Main checking \$4,277.58
 - Last month checking account activity
 - Roger & Gray D&O insurance =\$438.00 (annual)
 - Party City (Naukabout items) =\$36.65
 - State Tax Filling for year 2019=\$18.50
 - Deposit, Senior Center Talk =\$25.00
 - Deposit, Fidelity =\$2,500
4. Other Notes: President can spend \$100 without board approval. This was the first year we purchased Directors/Officers Liability Insurance. As long as we act in good faith (tell people potential dangers before activity), we are covered. We also spent \$25 on a raffle permit for the Naukabout Event, it will be valid for one year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.