



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## FMNWR

### Agenda

March 21, 2019

Meeting Place- Waquoit Bay Reserve

5:00PM- Introductions for new members, visitors

5:10PM- Approval of minutes

5:15PM- Update on status of history and map projects (MK with input)

5:30PM – spring projects -( Katlyn with input)

- Mashpee Town wide photo contest – until April 1
- Herring Count Begins April 1- Town herring event March 23
- Vernal Pool certification within refuge
- pollinator week

6:00 pm – Letter of support for Public lands Preservation Act

6:15/6:30pm - Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

5:15PM to 6:45PM

**Board Members Attending:** MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church, Katelyn Cadoret

**Other Members in Attendance:** none

February 2019 minutes were approved.

### **MNWR History Booklet/Trail Maps Grant**

- Trail Maps: Haymar sent over videos
  - Rachel (AmeriCorps IP for WBNERR/Friends Group) is finishing videos
    - Set up time with MK to polish pollinator garden, may add Ted K., Tom Eagle & Mark K.
  - Videos Overall:
    - Pollinator Gardens (MK)
    - Johns Pond Fish Ladder (Drew)
    - Pickerel Cove (Katelyn)
    - Lower Quashnet River (Fran Smith)
    - Coonamessett (Tom E., Mark K. and Ted K.)

- POTENTIAL: NE Cottontail work (Jim R.)
- History Booklet:
  - MK reached out to Scott Cahan (Region 5 USFWS Chief) for image of Tony (old Chief)
    - Also received copy of booklet
  - Brian K. OK without additional monies; wants us to review booklet for errors

### **Pollinator Gardens**

- Teaticket Park with 300 Committee still potential area
- Pollinator Week (June 17-23rd)
  - Potential Event: bee or butterfly costume, sell plants, use Banner
- MK placed order through Cape Cod Cooperative Extension for new pollinator plants
  - add to Jehu Pond and Pickerel Cove Gardens
- Planted butterfly milkweed flats, need to move out of greenhouse by end of April
  - Jim stated may be able to use other one off Carriage Shop Road
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### **Silvia O. Conte Mobile Visitors Center (Watershed on Wheels)/New Landing Craft Boat**

- USFWS Boat
  - Cannot use USFWS boat in Mashpee River (draft too deep) for oyster propagation
- FRGC Events
  - Yard Sale 6/2: Friends potentially have booth
  - Youth Day 6/22: Will use Mobile Visitors Center and Friends will have booth potentially

### **Parker River NWR Friends Group**

- We will reschedule until Fall

### **Next Year AmeriCorps IP:**

- Web design
- Newsletter
- Native plant propagation (Greenhouse assistance)
- Connect corridor through Refuge (medians, road sides, etc.)

### **Other Updates:**

- Vernal Pool Certification work to-be done at Johns Pond CA (received net from Nancy)
- Letter of Support for Public Lands Preservation Act
  - Drew sent one to us
  - can use APCC/Nature Conservancy as templates
- **NEXT 2 Years: Regional Friends Group Meeting Planned**

### **Treasurer Update**

- Donation received by SSCCEFF (**Sporting Safety Conservation And Education Fund Of Falmouth**) in amount of \$1,000

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.**