



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

March 3, 2020

4:00 Introductions/COVID-19 Update

4:05 Vote on February Minutes

4:07 Updates

- Senior Corps-make bee boxes
- Blue Host renewal
- Pine Barrens prep for fire road burn
- Peer-to-Peer Workshop

4:25 Event Plans

- three talks at #WeAreMashpee store
- Earth Day pollinator garden event April 22
- New plantings at red Brook kiosk/parking area
- Cops & Bobbers event

4:40 Newsletter / AmeriCorps IP Updates

4:55 Treasurer's Report

5:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mashpee Public Library

4:02-5:35 PM

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

Others in Attendance: Andrew Schwitzgebel (AmeriCorps)

Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2020. Approved 5-0 with amendments

Updates:

- Senior Corps will make pollinator boxes. Katelyn will deliver materials to them on Joint Base Cape Cod tomorrow. (Need new boxes every 2-3 years because of potential diseases.)
- 3-21-20 Katelyn doing herring count training at 11 am at Town Hall and walk over to Mashpee River herring ladder. Noted that herring are already coming up in March, but state won't Change April 1 start date for counts.
- MaryKay renewed Blue Host as our web hosting service for one more year.
- Mass. DFW is marking trees in the Pine Barrens in preparation for building fire roads related To this Spring's burn plan. Carol Finn (lives on Surf Drive in Seabrook Village) concerned About her back yard – what is going to happen?

- Peer-to-Peer Workshop at Assabet NWR – MaryKay, Nancy and Katelyn are going. Intended for communication between friends’ groups in Eastern Mass. Refuge Complex, then partying.
- MaryKay told us about the 2013 Friends Academy at the National Training Center in West Virginia, which she attended.

Event Planning:

- Did three #WeAreMashpee events: February 19 talk by Andrew S. about fishers, well attended; February 21 talk on the MNWR by Katelyn; February 22 talk on the MNWR by MaryKay. 15-20 people attended Andrew’s Fisher talk – people were interested and engaged. Mostly Senior Citizens, 4 kids. Katelyn injected kid-friendly slides. 4 people came. Looks like we need to focus the talks on a particular animal to attract crowds, then explain their need for habitat provided by the Refuge. “What is the 2nd largest Open Space on Cape Cod” was apparently a boring title. It was also misleading as it stated “2nd largest Refuge on the Cape. MaryKay had 4 people as well, one of whom volunteered to help (a carpenter). MK invited Consuelo Carroll to our next meeting to discuss topics. Andrew agreed do his Fisher talk again.
- We will have an Earth Day event on April 22 at 10 am – planting at the Jehu Pond pollinator garden. Ordered plants from Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, Middlesex Cooperative Extension Service, New Hampshire Forestry Dept. and Cold Stream Farm in Michigan.
- Katelyn has a bird feeder, thinks Pickerel Cove might be the best place for it. Don’t want to Attract rats, etc. Glen noted that he could maintain it if at Jehu Pond.
- Getting shade-tolerant plants for new garden at Red Brook Road parking lot. USF&WS will Put up kiosk. We’ll play it by ear as to when to do the garden.
- Will post about Earth Day project on web page, Facebook, CC Times and Enterprise newspapers and EarthDay.org and advertise at the #WeAreMashpee store.
- Peter from Naukabout suggested that every event should also advertise the next event.
- Will plan talks for spring school vacation week.
- Katelyn will email us the May field trip stuff.
- “Cops & Bobbers” event on June 14: Police-sponsored fishing event for kids on Patriot Party Boats, then brought to WBNERR and a fish fry at Falmouth Rod & Gun Club. Last year 8 kids. Kids took their frozen fish home, got a fish print t-shirt and a rod. Part of USF&WS mission statement to encourage fishing and hunting. F&WS planning another event this year.
- Naukabout date? Still don’t know when stickers will be needed at Town Beach parking lot. A Sunday date is preferred.

Newsletter / AmeriCorps IP Updates:

- Andrew hopes to have the newsletter done soon. It will include an article on Great Hay Road, Along with articles from USF&WS on Estuaries Day and last year’s Cops & Bobbers event.
- Andrew will also do a tri-fold pamphlet and flyer on creating rabbit habitat by creating brush piles. (Many birds also use brush piles.) F&WS has a 38-page guide to helping wildlife habitat.
- We should do a Spring vacation week (April 20-24) talk about our rabbits.

Treasurer’s Report for February Expenditures:

- Regular checking account \$4,261.75
- Grant account \$1,358.74
- Investment fund \$16, 472.

- Expenses: \$94.51 for Blue Host 1 year, \$36 for pizza and other food for Refuge Partners' Meeting.
- MaryKay will mail us the Treasurer's report.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 7 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:35 pm.