



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

September 8th, 2020

- 4:00 Introductions (5 minutes)
- 4:02 Vote on August Minutes
- 4:05 Updates
 - Peer-to-Peer Workshop
 - USFWS/Friends Agreement
 - QR does for Kiosks
 - Insurance for Officers and Board
- 4:30 Diversity statement by Cape Cod Land Trusts (Falmouth, Tribe)
- 4:45 Treasurer's Report
- 5:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
4:00-4:40 PM

Online Zoom Meeting

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

Others in Attendance: Rachel Mehmel

Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2020. **Motion made by Mark, seconded by Nancy. Approved unanimously.**

Updates:

Katelyn, MaryKay and Nancy will attend F&WS Friends Groups Peer-to-Peer Workshops to be held on September 26, November 14 and February 27, 2021. Glenn will attend some. The workshops are intended to enhance both our Board's operations and communication with other groups. Our attendees have received their workshop books.

The MOU between the Friends and the Fish & Wildlife Service is going for review at the F&WS Regional Headquarters this week.

QR codes have been created by Kelsey Mackey of F&WS for use by visitors to access further information on our website, including the Refuge History book and trail info.

Katelyn wants to hold off on getting / renewing insurance, since we really can't hold any events in the near future. Directors and Officers Insurance costs \$521/year. Ours is expiring in October. She indicated that if non-profits follow all applicable rules, we can't be sued under Massachusetts law.

Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Birgit to hold off on renewing our insurance was approved 9-0.

USF&WS has NOT designated habitat for the Rusty Patch bumblebee.

The Board discussed the Diversity Statement being developed by Falmouth. All members received a copy before this meeting. They (Falmouth) revised it last night, so it's not final yet, still a draft. They are hoping for it to go Cape-wide (though the document says "Falmouth").

"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people. – Unknown

Falmouth's public conservation areas are preserved and open for the benefit of all of us, forever.

As land conservation trusts, we recognize the importance of standing together to ensure that all who live and visit here feel welcomed and embraced as part of Falmouth's conservation community. We strive to ensure that our conservation areas and programs are inclusive and welcoming spaces for all people.

We invite you to share your thoughts and experiences with us so that we can do better at creating open spaces and programming that provide equal opportunities for all to connect with Falmouth's beautiful natural resources. We are listening."

On a motion by Tom, seconded by Nancy the Board voted unanimously to support the draft.

MaryKay will write up all our David Ross Palmer Award winners and Glenn will post it on our website.

Treasurer's report For August expenditures

1. **Fidelity/ Endowment Account** currently (9/8/20) is at \$ 18,763.21. Up by \$ 891.52 from last month. Rate of Return for the year 20.79%
2. **Cape Cod 5 Grant checking 922.73**
 - Deposit interest =\$0.05
 - Purchases
 1. Scenic Roots Gardens 8/20/20 = \$141.11 (Plants 50% off)
 2. Prairie Moon Nursery 8/31/20 = \$44.87 (seeds for next year plantings)
3. **Cape Cod 5 Main checking \$4,600.98**
 - Purchases
 1. Zoom 8/4/20 \$15.93
 2. MA State Attorney 8/10/20 \$15.00 (2020 taxes)
 3. Blue Host 8/13/20 \$17.99 (domain fee)
 4. USPS 8/20/20 \$92.00 (PO Box rental)
 - Deposit, interest = \$ 0.20
 - **Deposit, donation = \$25.00**

Adjourn:

Board voted to adjourn at 4:40 pm.