



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

December 8th, 2020

- 4:00 Introductions (5 minutes)
- 4:05 Updates
- 4:10 Friends Agreement
- 4:45 Treasurer's Report (October through November)
- 5:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 2/2/2021

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order 5:04 PM

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

Others in Attendance: Tom Eagle, Ally McNeil (AmeriCorps)

Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2020 were tabled.

Updates:

Rabbitat Brochure ready electronically. We should do final review for next meeting.

NWRA has asked us to sign a letter opposing oil drilling on the Arctic NWR. Board agreed. Katelyn signed.

DPW will be working on clearing the fire breaks at the South Mashpee Pine Barrens.

Tom Eagle: Rabbit hunting is killing off a lot of New England Cottontails. Meanwhile, Black Ducks have rebounded so F&WS not as concerned as in the past. (Had previously led to ban on duck hunting at Bufflehead Bay property.)

Katelyn: Snowy Owls eat Buffleheads.

Katelyn: DPW Mowing down weeds in the field at Pickerel Cove. Could be possible location for a pollinator garden?

Glenn Davis: Just trying to keep our website updated. Added WCAI article, Annual Meeting award presentation and "Don't get between Monarch and its Milkweed".

Tom Eagle: Hoping to get sign installed at Red Brook Road early 2021. Not sure about burning season. Joel Carlson had a year left on his contract with F&WS but then took a job working for Joint Base Cape Cod. Getting help from National Seashore. Dave Cleary is a burn boss. Trying to get one from F&WS.

MaryKay asked if there's any Administration/ DOI support for increased burns?

Tom Eagle: Will talk with Josh Nigro. Falmouth is concerned about the drought with all the deadfall in Beebe woods. Tom F asked about help from Team Rubicon. Tom E indicated that they are just boots on the ground. Need managers and burn bosses to supervise. Tom F asked if there's any chance of working with Joel Carlson through Joint Base Cape Cod? Tom E: There are other Bases that F&WS has agreements with. Lot of promises but tough to do.

Tom Eagle: F&WS Eastern MA complex just advertised for a 1-year maintenance worker helper.

Friends Agreement:

Katelyn read memo regarding Office of Management and Budget audit of Friends organizations. Claim to have found irregularities and wasteful spending of money supposed to go to F&WS and want all Friends groups to sign new agreements with F&WS. Tom Eagle would be our liaison. It was noted that a Visitor Center can't be on Federal land (!).

Mark K had some questions regarding effects on Towns?

Katelyn responded that it only involves Friends groups.

Tom Eagle: Our agreement complicated by reference to the Partnership. This confused some of the people at the regional WQ. The issue has now been squared away.

Glenn: The insurance section is a little outdated. It says we "currently" have insurance. Should be changed to say we "will" get insurance when needed.

Says our funds (except restricted fund) go to F&WS if we disband.

MaryKay: Glad "Refuge closed" notices on webpage are gone. Also noted that we are partners to all Partners on the Refuge, currently on the 2016 MOU.

Tom E: This agreement is just between Friends and F&WS, but it's good that the document refers to the partnership.

Katelyn: Could we email the other Partners that we have signed this agreement? (Yes)

Glenn motioned, Tom F seconded, vote unanimous to have Katelyn sign the Agreement.

Treasurer's Report:

Will hold off discussion until next meeting. November's treasurer's Report was emailed to BoD earlier.

MaryKay noted that there will be a pollinator garden seeding event at Falmouth Rod & Gun on Thursday. She will email the time for those interested.

Adjourn:

Board voted to adjourn at 6:11 pm.