



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

January 5th, 2021

- 5:00 Introductions (5 minutes)
- 5:05 Blue Host Renewal
- 5:10 Comments for Friends Audit
- 5:15 Updates
- 5:20 Financial Report (including Treasurer's Report)
- 6:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 2/2/2021

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order 5:07 PM

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

Others in Attendance: Tom Eagle (F&WS), Zac Tobias (WHOI Grad Student – studied marine invasive species)

Meeting Minutes: No action November 10 or December 8, 2020 minutes

Introductions: Board Members described their roles for Zac's benefit.

Blue Host Renewal: They are our web page domain master. The question is whether we should renew for 2 or 3 years. Glenn suggested 2 years, though he hasn't seen the special offer MaryKay got. There has been no cost increase. Tom Fudala moved, Glenn seconded motion to renew for 2 years. Motion was approved unanimously.

Comments for Friends Audit: Katelyn described the IG audit. Noted that we have an Agreement with the Fish & Wildlife Service. IG will want information from us but we don't know what that will be. F&WS will be coming out with a new policy regarding Friends groups. Katelyn said "less is best". Tom Fudala asked if this was a political move by the Trump administration. Tom Eagle said he wasn't sure. MaryKay said the Friends Coalition sent an excellent letter on this. Tom Eagle said they want to ensure a more direct relationship. Tom Fudala moved and Nancy seconded a motion to authorize

Chairman Cadoret to write a letter of our support for the Friends Coalition letter and authorized submitting our 990 form. Motion approved unanimously.

Updates:

Mashpee DPW is in the midst of mowing the South Mashpee Pine Barrens **fire breaks**.

The **Rabbitat Brochure** is ready electronically. Having reviewed it since the last meeting, on a motion by Tom Fudala, seconded by Glenn, the Board approved it unanimously. It had not been intended to print it now, maybe later. MaryKay would like to print some now. She will talk to Sunderland about printing costs. Or maybe it could be done through UNH (Univ. of New Hampshire). Among other things, she thinks it should be sent to landscapers with regard to the value of keeping or creating woodpiles. Commented that she found a mink in her woodpile.

Nancy indicated that some of the articles in the draft **Winter Newsletter** are out of date. Good article about Great Hay Road, pollinator gardens (including Rod & Gun Club property). Need an article about MaryKay receiving the Palmer award. A winter duck article. Tom Eagle suggested an article about the indirect impact of the draining of Red Brook (Shadow Pond) on the adjacent heron rookery.

Nancy indicated that all the AmeriCorps workers are quarantined due to Covid-19.

Treasurer's Report:

MaryKay had sent out the December report to the Board, including 3 documents and the 2020 annual spreadsheet used to fill out our 990 form. She also described the history of the Rod and Maggie Pierce Fund. It is now with Fidelity and the value has boomed to over \$20,000 in the past year.

We need to decide what to do with the remaining **pollinator grant money**. It is unrestricted and would probably make sense to transfer the funds (\$509.86) into our main checking account. Tom Fudala moved, Glenn seconded motion to authorize MaryKay to transfer the remaining grant funds into our CC5 main checking account. The Board voted unanimously to authorize MaryKay to do the transfer.

MaryKay noted that the recently received \$1250 of donations will be reflected in the February report.

MaryKay noted that 2021 FMNWR dues are due. Checks should be addressed to the Friends and sent to MaryKay at 82 Hillcrest Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:15 pm.