



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES – (As approved 7-0 at January 11, 2022 meeting)
October 5, 2021 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

- 5:00** Introductions (5 minutes)
- 5:05** Approve September Minutes
- 5:10** Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:20** Updates
 - Membership Committee
 - Pollinator Gardens
 - Osprey Nest Cam
 - Oktoberfest
 - Nature Store
 - AmeriCorps IP Update
- 6:00** Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm

Board Members Attending: Pres. Katelyn Cadoret, VP Glenn Davis, Clerk Tom Fudala, Treasurer MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church

Others in attendance: Mark Kasprzyk, Emilie Brush (AmeriCorp)
Joan Muller (WBNERR liaison) arrived 5:30

FMNWR Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Meeting:

On motion by Nancy, seconded by MaryKay, approved Tuesday, September 7, 2021 minutes 5-0 (Online Zoom Meeting)

Treasurer's report For September 2021 Financials

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account for September 2021, account decreased this month by \$726.25 ending @ \$22,696.54 (last month, August, it increased by \$421.51)
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$**6,536.77**, ending balance of \$6,708.74 (+171.97)
 - checking account activity
 - **Income: total \$ 375.11**
 1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.11
 2. Memberships = \$ 375.00

- **Expenditures: total \$204.14**
 1. Zoom \$ 14.99
 2. Town of Mashpee \$ 25.00 (Oktoberfest booth fee)
 3. FedEx \$ 45.15
 4. USPS PO Box \$ 118.00 (annual cost, last year was \$92.00)

<i>Year</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
PO Box Cost	\$60	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$92	\$118

Updates:

- **Membership Committee** (the Barkins):
No report, as the Barkins were not in attendance.

Katelyn reported on the Childs River restoration celebration held on September 23, 2021. Katelyn, Drew McManus, MaryKay and Tom Eagle were among those present. Katelyn read a description / summary of the project, which is almost done. Wetland plants are coming back quickly. She also noted that the study of restoring the upper Quashnet River bogs is being done. Berm created by the Air Force as part of their groundwater cleanup has failed, and relocation of the river is being considered. She also noted the work done by Falmouth on their Coonamessett River bogs and the upcoming planning for conversion of the Chop Claques bog at Santuit Pond into a naturalized wetland.

MaryKay suggested that we put the Childs River restoration celebration and documents on our website. Glenn will do it.

- **Pollinator Gardens:**

We need to schedule garden workdays to weed, seed and plant \$290 of new plants. October 15, 19 or 20 suggested for Jehu Pond Garden.

Joan Muller noted that she has a school ZOOM program on the 20th.

MaryKay noted that Falmouth Rod & Gun Club is doing planting tomorrow (10/6/21) with smaller plants and trees at 9 am.

MK listed our pollinator gardens, including the 2 new ones just done with the Tribe kids at the Meetinghouse Cemetery.

Katelyn suggested maybe we should do more bee houses.

- **Osprey Nest Camera:**

Glenn noted that we built an Osprey nest platform in the marshes off Amy Brown Road this Spring. Comcast agreed to underwrite a live feed nest camera at the site. Glenn and Comcast are continuing to work with the property/homeowner about moving forward on installation of the camera. If it doesn't work out, we could consider alternate nest sites at Great River, Martin Road or Moonakis estuary. The Ospreys have left for

the season. We have to get it done before the ground freezes. Hopefully we'll have the definitive word by next month.

Joan asked if we've ruled out the 2 nests at the WBNERR Headquarters? (They're not in the Refuge.) Tonna-Marie never responded on the possibility. They may still be possible as a back-up.

- **Oktoberfest:**

We set up our booth at Oktoberfest on October 2. MaryKay provided the tent and display materials. Nancy and Glenn did the morning shift, Katelyn and Tom F the afternoon. Weather was beautiful. We got a lot of interest and gave out a lot of brochures and Refuge trail maps. Lots of interest in the furs.

Glenn asked MK about printing "Rabbitat" brochures for future events.

Got questions about what to plant in pollinator gardens, lots of questions about milkweed.

MK suggested that maybe we should sell pollinator plants at future Oktoberfest and other events.

Hopefully we can do the Naukabout event in the Spring.

Glenn suggested that we talk about brochures and plants for events at next month's meeting. We should also put pollinator stuff on our website.

MaryKay will see if WBNERR will allow us to put up a temporary greenhouse there for next year's plants, as she's lost access to the greenhouse she had been using in Hatchville.

- **Nature Store:**

No report as Tom Eagle was not present.

- **AmeriCorps IP Update:**

September 29 was the swearing-in of this year's AmeriCorps interns. Emilie is our shared Individual Placement with WBNERR.

- **Adjournment:**

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Glenn, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:01.