



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

April 5, 2022 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

5:00 Introductions (5 minutes)

5:05 Approve February and March Minutes

5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report

5:20 Updates

- Membership Committee
- Osprey Nest Cam
- Coonamessett Reservation prescribed burn
- Pollinator garden work/National Service Week with AmeriCorps
- Pollinator brochure
- Spring Newsletter
- Refuge Highlights Submission
- AmeriCorps IP Update
- Other

6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

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

Others in attendance: Tom Eagle (USF&WS), Emilie Brush (AmeriCorps), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Joan Muller (WBNERR)

• **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

February 1, 2022

The board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes.

March 1, 2022

Tabled the vote until May meeting to fix several typos- Change K.C. to Casey, add an e to Don Clarke, change Constant Comment to Constant Contact.

• Treasurer’s Report for March

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account increased this month by \$366.82 ending @ \$ 23,021.57

2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$8180.17, ending balance of \$8,358.05 (+177.88)

checking account activity

➤Income: total \$ 462.43

1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.07

a. AmazonSmile = \$ 14.84

b. PayPal (memberships) = \$ 97.52

c. Mailed Memberships and Donations = \$ 350.00 (From 5 individuals -\$25, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$150)

➤Expenditures: total \$209.61

1. Zoom = \$ 14.99

2. Annual Mailing supplies = \$ 114.62 (reported last month)

3. NH Forestry (Plants) = \$ 80.00

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**Updates:**

**• Membership Committee** (Joan and Neil Barkin)

Joan has been sending thank you notes to donors.

Glenn mentioned that some new donations may have been prompted by January mailings.

**Osprey Nest Cam:**

**Glenn-** The cam is up and running, it’s very exciting, we are receiving a handful of comments and questions.

Does the light bother them at night? No, uses infrared light at night, not visible to birds or humans.

Maybe we need a *Frequently Asked Questions* section on the web page. Blackwater uses 2 links for questions and answers on their site.

NBC Boston (affiliated with Comcast) is adding the nest cam to its morning weather reports, also featured on-line in the Enterprise and on the radio at 99.7 and other places.

Glenn asked Tom E. about publicity from USF&WS. New Interpretive Services staff Joy is just getting up to speed with everything. Will send her the press release for information.

The actual embedded link is limited to the Friends website. Other places link people to the Friends web page. Everything is recorded so if you see something exciting, make a note of the time/date as we can use clips for still shots and future videos of the seasonal highlights.

Joan Muller said that vacation week activities at WBNERR will be focused on the osprey.

Tom Eagle suggested trying to contact Chronicle TV to do a program. Could focus on the nest cam but also pine barrens, prescribed burns, aerial photos of Child's River restoration.

Katelyn suggested talking to Brad Sweet who works at Mashpee T.V.

### **Prescribed Burns – Tom Eagle**

Training his staff, they are supported by Mass Wildlife

The state is burning in Mashpee Pine Barrens

Looking at areas off of Red Brook, may burn an area near Jehu off Great Oak Road. Weather dependent so schedule is flexible.

Other possible sites Falmouth Rod and Gun and areas in Maine. Need media contacts to send out information about the burns.

Katelyn wanted to schedule a day during school vacation week to build a demonstration "brush pile" near the Great Hay Road entrance, hopefully using AmeriCorps members.

### **Pollinator Gardens – Mary Kay**

There was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of \$883 worth of plants from . We are ok 'ed to order wholesale from Sylvan Nurseries. NE Wetland plants has a \$250 minimum. Purchased some larger plants this time to increase survival, especially where it is difficult to water. K.C. from Rod and Gun purchased \$250 in plants as well.

Discussion about pick-up when they are ready in Hadley. Tom E. May be available to help with pick-up and delivery. Neil Barkin will be in Hadley last weekend in May and may be able to help with some as well.

Talking with the Tribe to get an idea what plants they want for POH camp this year that have traditional, medicinal or cultural importance.

The Tribe has a greenhouse at the horse farm. Check with Dale/Jason to see if they can pick-up and keep some of the plants until summer. There is a POH meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

May be able to store some plants in the propagation beds at Falmouth Rod and Gun Club. Could also keep some to overwinter if needed. Below is a list of plants purchased.

**New England Wetland Plants, Inc. (South Hadley area)**

|                                                     |                        |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Maple leaf Viburnum                                 | 10 plants /\$14 each,  | 3-4' plants = \$140.00 (FMNWR)   |
| Wild Raisin                                         | 10 plants /\$12 each,  | 3-4' plants = \$120.00 (FMNWR)   |
| American Hazelnut                                   | 3 plants/ \$13 each,   | 3-4' plants = \$ 39.00 (R&GC)    |
| Beach Plum                                          | 3 plants/ \$12 each    | 3-4' plants = \$ 36.00 (R&GC)    |
| American Cranberry                                  | 3 plants/ \$11.50 each | 3-4' plants = \$ 34.50 (R&GC)    |
| Viburnum Lentago                                    | 4 plants/ \$12 each    | 3-4" plants = \$ 48.00 (R&GC)    |
| Grey Dogwood                                        | 4 plants/ \$12 each    | 3-4' plants = \$ 48.00 (R&GC)    |
| Black Chokecherry                                   | 4 plants/ \$11.25 each | 3-4' plants = \$ 45.00 (R&GC)    |
| Butterfly Milkweed<br>plants) (FMNWR)               | plugs 2" \$1.45/plug   | <b>1 flat</b> = \$ 72.50 (50)    |
| Purple Coneflower<br>plants) (FMNWR)                | plugs 2" \$1.10/plug   | <b>2 flats</b> = \$ 110.00 (100) |
| New England Aster<br>plants) (FMNWR)                | plugs 2" \$1.10/plug   | <b>2 flats</b> = \$ 110.00 (100) |
| Swamp Milkweed<br>plants) (FMNWR)                   | plugs 2" \$1.10/plug   | <b>2 flat</b> = \$ 110.00 (100)  |
| Blue Vervain<br>plants) (FMNWR)                     | plugs 2" \$1.10plug    | <b>2 flat</b> = \$ 110.00 (100)  |
| Sweet Flag (Acorus americanus<br>plants) (FMNWR)    | plugs 2' \$1.10/plug   | <b>1 flat</b> = \$ 55.00 (50)    |
| Swamp Aster(Aster puniceus)<br>plants) (FMNWR)      | plugs 2' \$1.10/plug   | <b>1 flat</b> = \$ 55.00 (50)    |
| Boneset (Eupatorium perfoliatum)<br>plants) (FMNWR) | plugs 2' \$1.10/plug   | <b>1 flat</b> = \$ 55.00 (50)    |
| Joe-Pye Weed<br>plants) (FMNWR)                     | plugs 2" \$1.45/ plug  | <b>2 flats</b> = \$ 145.00 (100) |
| <b>Total</b>                                        |                        | <b>= \$1333.00</b>               |

**National Service Week – Katelyn Cadoret**

Will be working with the upper Cape House of AmeriCorps group on Earth Day, April 22. The project includes general maintenance and clean-out of pollinator beds in various locations. If the Barnstable House is able to attend and there is help from the Friends can split up into groups to tackle different sites.

Tom E. is not available that day for rabbitat project so will have to schedule that separately.

**AmeriCorps – Newsletter, brochure Emilie Brush**

The Spring Newsletter is almost ready, waiting for osprey cam press release to come out. It includes, Creature Feature: River Otter, a blurb about the Rabbitat brochure, and may include osprey nest repair from January.

Katelyn mentioned a needed nest repair off of Monomoscoy. Katelyn has a couple of people from Natural Resources to help with this nest repair, also Glenn and MK and would welcome others who want to assist. Date: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

May add this and the burn schedule that Tom E. sent to the newsletter.

The plan is to stick to 3 articles and get back to a quarterly publication. Some help is needed with formatting from Glenn/Katelyn. Emilie thinks we should go with the E-newsletter formatting in the future with our new Constant Contact.

She has been meeting with Mary Kay and Katelyn on Wednesdays and the pollinator brochure will be ready soon. She will send it to the Friends for a first look and comments. The focus is Cape Cod specific and how you can make a difference on your property.

#### **ACC- IP Placement – Nancy Church**

Working on the application for 2022-2023 with Joan Muller. Will send around for comment before submitting. Due date is May 6, 2022.

#### **Friends Academy at NETC in West Virginia – Mary Kay**

This is a five day, all expenses paid workshop for NWR Friends board members. They are accepting applications, running July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup> 2022. Good chance to network and learn from other board members. Represent groups with budgets from \$200 to millions of dollars.

Discussion- MK and Nancy have attended in the past. It would be great if Glenn could attend but he isn't sure he is available.

Nancy would consider going if no one else can. Thinks it would be best for someone new.

#### **Requested program- Ohio Girl Scout Troop**

Group of 10 middle school aged girls will be on Cape July 5 through the 11<sup>th</sup> and staying in Hyannis. They requested a program/activity to enhance their trip. The Friends group brainstormed lots of ideas from pollinator gardening, seining in the bay, a boat trip, involving the Tribe with an activity like shell fishing, having a BBQ for them afterwards.

The decision was that Emilie will take the lead and contact the group to discuss specifics. She will work with Hannah, the new VSS at Waquoit Bay Reserve, to plan the programming and will incorporate the Friends into their plan.

There was a motion to adjourn and the vote was unanimous.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM**