



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

September 6, 2022 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve August Minutes (if available)
- 5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:10 Membership Committee Report
- 5:15 Updates
 - Osprey Nest Cam
 - Pollinator Gardens – work days
 - Water installation at Red Brook
 - Visitor Center options
 - Pollinator Brochure
- 5:45 Upcoming Events
 - Estuaries Day Sept 18 (12-3pm, need 1-2 volunteers)
 - Small budget for snacks (< \$50)
 - Mashpee Oktoberfest Oct 1 (all day, need 3-4 volunteers)
 - Walk For The Wild (WFTW) October 10, 2022 (10-12, need 2+ volunteers)
 - Budget for signs (\$100-\$150)
 - T-shirts for participants (??? \$20 each)
 - Publicize (social media, walking/hiking groups, others??)
 - Sign up!
- 6:00 Other Business (as time allows)
- 6:05 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Board Members Attending: Pres. Glenn Davis, Clerk Nancy Church, Treasurer MaryKay Fox, Historian F. Tom Fudala, Membership - Neil Barkin and Joan Barkin

Others in attendance: Tom Eagle (USF&W), Joan Muller (WBNERR), Drew McManus (Mashpee Conservation), Tonia Lewandowski, National Marine Fisheries (new member)

Introductions – Tonia spent time telling us about her many experiences and interests, which led her to the Friends group, including previous work on salt marshes with MBL and WBNERR. Everyone welcomed her and we look forward to her future involvement.

• FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for August not available. Nancy will send these out and we will vote on Aug. & Sept minutes at Oct. meeting

Treasurer's report For July 2022 Financials

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account increased this month by \$1,376.52 ending @ \$ 21,217.64.
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$8,930.47, ending balance of \$ 8821.12(-109.35)
 - checking account activity
 - **Income: total \$ 70.07**
 1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
 2. Aubuchon Hardware return = \$ 44.99
 3. Donations
 - Mailed Donations = \$ 25.00
 - **Expenditures: total \$ 179.42**
 1. Zoom = \$ 14.99
 2. Amazon (water bucket) = \$ 25.47
 3. Aubuchon Hardware (POH) = \$ 138.96

Treasurer's report For August 2022 Financials

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account decreased this month by \$152.30 ending \$ **20,552.33**.
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$**8821.12**, ending balance \$ **8842.87** (+21.75)
 - checking account activity
 - **Income: total \$ 295.61**
 1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
 2. Donations
 - a. PayPal (memberships) = \$ 145.53
 - b. Mailed Donations = \$ 150.00
 - **Expenditures: total \$273.86**
 1. Zoom = \$ 14.99
 2. Constant Contact (annual) = \$ 83.88
 3. Blue Host (2 year) = \$ 18.99
 4. PO Box (annual) = \$ 156.00

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

The group received three donations for September. Joan acknowledged the donations and will send out full packets when they return to Mashpee.

Updates:

Refuge Visitor Center – Agenda item moved to accommodate people leaving meeting early.

Continued discussion from August. We will move ahead with scheduling site visits to inform further discussions. Tom Eagle will be away for 16-18 days working on wildfires.

Joan wondered who would staff a VC, hours, etc. Tom Eagle stated that the Friends groups typically staff these.

Osprey Cam- Glenn- Mostly empty nest these days but with an array of "visitors". People still watching and reporting, with 30 to 40 regular commenters. Stats show 150 K site visits from April through August.

Last week Glenn added 30-40 people to our mailing list.

Tonia stated she has lots of outreach experience with classrooms and would love to get involved with these efforts.

Joan M.

explained the AmeriCorps member will be working on this as a Citizen Science project and Alan Poole has offered to help get that going as well!

Glenn- We got approval from DCR Archeologist to bury the line. Comcast to schedule time to do this and . will also move the camera to avoid smearing and install a microphone. DCR Archeologist will also be there. Joan thinks it is ok if it happens when a school group is scheduled. Will check.

Pollinator Gardens – Took a break during the heat wave. Gardens need clean-up. Many new plants were probably lost during the drought.

Drew was successful in gaining approval from the town for CPC money to install water at Red Brook. Costs \$3000 plus. Suggested a potential 3-way split. F&W finds it easier to pay for equipment than services (Meter pit = \$1200) DPW can do the work. Good addition to the trailhead.

MK -Will ask Falmouth Water Stewards about costs of installing a bottle filling station.

at the site at the same time. A good addition to the trailhead.

Pollinator Brochure was sent back for review by Suzie Perry. This could be done for the Oktoberfest event, Oct 1st.

Estuaries Day- Sept. 18th 12:00-3:00PM (First boat trip by reservation at 11:00AM)

Glenn will answer questions in the VC with nest cam footage playing (highlights or live)

Nancy will provide commentary for boat trips

Need a volunteer for the Friends table (will share this with Joy from USF&W)

Joan- Press release and flyer will be sent out next week when Laurie returns from vacation.

Allotted \$50 for "snacks" – maybe Swedish fish at the table - " estuaries connection to osprey"

October Fest- Oct. 1 – Volunteers to staff tables for ½ day (Event 10 to 4PM)

AM- 8:30 – 12:30PM - MaryKay and Nancy will set-up and host the table

PM 12:30 – 4:00PM -Tom F., Neil and Joan Barkin will host the table

Walk for the Wild- October 10th, 10 am to noon. Glenn will e-mail our membership, have a card about this to hand out at other events. Nancy will contact outside walking groups. Everyone should **register on-line** to see how it works and how donations are collected.

Tonia had a question about how the funds were raised.

Glenn-We will receive \$\$ from the national group from big national donors through the Public Lands Alliance Amplifier Fund. Also, donations can be made on the registration page- FREE to register.

NOTE: We cannot solicit donations ourselves at the event.

Will have tables at two trailheads- Red Brook and Jehu – need volunteers.

Glenn is having realtor-type signs made up with info, directional arrows and maybe QR codes linking to wildlife info.

The group voted unanimously to fund \$200 for signs

T-shirts are available on registration page for \$20 – decided walkers could purchase these on their own.

MK- we have lots of Friends T-shirts available- could provide these for Friends volunteers.

This trail needs maintenance- Nancy suggested AmeriCorps group project- Glenn will work with Drew on submitting the on-line request and Drew will lead the work project.

Adjourn – At 6:20PM the board voted unanimously to end the meeting.