



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on March 7, 2023

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Membership Committee Report
 - Annual membership appeal mailing
- 5:10 Approve [January 31st Minutes](#)
- 5:15 Budget/Treasurer's Report
 - Review CD options
- 5:30 Updates
 - Martin Road House (greenhouse)
 - Winter Newsletter
 - WFTW 2023
 - Mashpee Cub Scout Pack 36 Activity Ideas
 - Earth Day Activity (Saturday April 22)
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- 5:50 Other Business
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- 6:00 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:03

Board Members Attending:

President: Glenn Davis, Historian: F. Tom Fudala, Membership: Joan Barkin and Neil Barkin, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Lucinda Keith

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Joan Mueller (WBNERR), Leo Lainez (AmeriCorps), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tom Eagle (USF&W),

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

- Thank you to Joan and Neil for sending out Annual Membership letters.
- We had a wonderful response from 129 people.

- It was noted that the Accomplishment List insert was wonderful to include.
- Thank you notes will be sent to those that responded to the Membership letters with donations.
- Glenn will send out reminders for memberships in the next few weeks for those that have yet to respond.

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for January 31, 2023 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report For February 2023 Financials

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account **increased** this month ending @ **\$ 20,608.97**
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$ **9,740.49**, ending balance of \$ **9921.72**

☐ checking account activity

☑ Income: total \$731.54

1. Deposit, interest	= \$ 0.07
2. Donations	
Amazon Smile	= \$ 14.42
Mail	= \$ 400.00
Paypal	= \$ 317.05

☑ Expenditures: total \$550.31

1. Zoom	= \$ 14.99
2. Seeds	= \$ 24.40
3. Bluehost web page	= \$239.76
4. 2022 State PC form	= \$ 35.82
5. State construction\n permit	= \$ 51.18
6. Mailing costs	= \$184.16

- MaryKay reviewed the Treasurer's report from the Excel Spreadsheet
- Positive comments were made over the details provided on the spreadsheet.
- A shareable/no edit spreadsheet will be shared with members prior to our meetings each month
- A summary of the Financials will be included in the minutes each month
- It was noted that PayPal charges for donations, deduction made by PayPal to any donations.

- **Review CD Options:**

We decided to discuss later in the meeting, so that Mark could report about his meeting with the Building Commission at the Martin Road House. (find CD discussion below under Updates section)

Updates:

- **Martin Road House (greenhouse)**

- Mark met with the Building Commission. They said if the greenhouse is permanent then we need a plot plan.
- We discussed whether the greenhouse is permanent with gravel floors and timbers to surround.
- Mark will talk with them again to determine qualifications of permanent structure and email us their decision.
- A proposal was sent to the state for access to the property and ability to use it for the greenhouse. Cost \$50.00.
- DCR had questions about the funding of the greenhouse project and whether it was permanent.
- The suggestion was to look at other options for the greenhouse, each location could provide partnering to grow plants, trees specific to their needs
 - Rod and Gun Club (Chestnut Trees, shrubs for Child's River, pollinator gardens)
 - WBNERR (pollinator gardens)
 - Tribal Government Center (medicinal plants, pollinators, teaching tool for youth)
- MaryKay will contact the Rod and Gun Club
- Tom Eagle will talk with the Tribe and to Mass Wildlife about possibilities

- **Review CD Options:**

- Interest rates, requirements and terms were reviewed from several banks
- Suggestion was made to purchase next month with rates increasing and/or to stagger purchases since location for greenhouse has not been decided
- After discussion, the proposal was made to purchase a \$2,000.00 10 month CD at Cape Cod 5 Bank where we have an account

- A vote was held and there was a unanimous vote to purchase the \$2,000.00 10 month CD at Cape Cod 5 Bank
- MaryKay will purchase the CD this week.
- We will discuss further purchases of CDs at our next meeting.

- **Winter Newsletter**

- Leo sent in articles about Cottontail and Eelgrass which were well researched. It was suggested that images be added after gaining permission to publish in the Winter Newsletter.
- Great teamwork Leo and Nancy! Feel better thoughts sent your way Nancy.
- The Osprey Project will be the focus of the Summer Newsletter.
- Leo did his first school program.
- Schools will monitor and make observations from the Osprey Webcam prior to and during the osprey arrival.

- **WFTW 2023 (Walk For The Wild)**

Next month a planning committee will be formed.
Application for WFTW was already sent in.

- **Mashpee Cub Scout Pack 36 Activity Ideas**

- They want to be included in planting
- Send them dates, times, locations to see if they can help.
- They meet all year round.
- They will be walking Red Brook trail, possibility of helping with planting there.
- Glenn away March 15th - 21st

- **Earth Day Activity (Saturday April 22)**

- We will plan an activity for that day. Possible clean up.
- Can use grant from Clean Trail (\$250.00) for this
 - Purchase seeds, plants for volunteers to plant
- Drew is working on a project at Pickerel Cove to remove Black Locust (invasive plant): next year will be planting natives and pollinators. Also, will work at Fitch to deter ATV.

He is providing a Kids Event at Casey Coombs. Children will plant seedlings (White Oak and Pawpaw) to take home

- **Other Business**

- Linh will be leaving USF&W to be Chief Visitor Service in D.C.
- New Visitor Service Staff: Joy, Sasha (from Regional Office) and Wilson as a seasonal Park Ranger.

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:37