



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting April 4, 2023 5:00 p.m. Zoom**

### **AGENDA:**

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [March 7 Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Membership Committee Report
- 5:15 Budget/Treasurer's Report
  - [2023 Budget](#)
- 5:20 Updates
  - Greenhouse - Martin Road, WBNERR and FR&GC options
  - [Walk for the Wild \(WFTW\) 2023](#)
  - Earth Day Activity - with Mashpee Conservation April 19 & 21
  - [Osprey Nest Cam](#) - they're back!
- 5:50 Other Business
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- 6:00 Adjourn

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 5:02**

#### **Board Members Attending:**

President: Glenn Davis, Membership: Joan Barkin and Neil Barkin, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Lucinda Keith: Clerk, Nancy Church

#### **Others in attendance:**

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

## **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

Minutes for March 7, 2023 were approved unanimously.

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

Thank you notes were sent for recent memberships.

Some Thank You notes were returned for incorrect addresses.

There are 2 members that joined with monthly donations.

There are 128 total memberships.

We discussed the passing of Chief Silent Drum, Vernon Lopes, at age 100. We will send a Sympathy Card to his daughter and/or to the Tribal Center.

## **Treasurer's report for March 2023 Financials**

Firsts for the month of March:

1. Most ever monthly income in donations (\$1448.44)
2. Two monthly recurring donations now
3. New CD purchased

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account **increased** this month by \$700.22 ending @ **\$ 21,309.19**
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance **\$ 9921.72**, ending balance of **\$ 8,58.70**

Checking account activity

**Income: total \$1,448.44**

1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
2. Donation  
Mail = \$ 750.00 (13 donations)  
PayPal = \$ 698.36 (15 donations)

**Expenditures: total \$2,217.33**

**Certificate of Deposit CC5 = \$2000 (8mo,4%)**

1. Zoom = \$ 14.99
2. POH Plants = \$ 153.95 (Nourse Farm)
3. 2023 State = \$ 35.82 (Annual Report)
4. Mailing costs = \$ 33.39 (Vista Print-labels)

- It was discussed that the expenditures included the purchase of a CD, that was a transfer of funds from the checking account to purchase the CD that would earn higher interest. Discussion if purchasing a CD should go under Expenditure on the spreadsheet
- The recommendation was made to designate recurring monthly donations so that Thank You notes will not be sent each month for those donations. Communication between the Treasurer and Membership Committee will occur to establish how to distinguish recurring donations from other donations.

## Updates:

- Greenhouse - Martin Road, WBNERR and FR&GC options
  - On March 24th, Glenn Davis, MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church and Lucinda Keith met at WBNERR with Joan Muller, Megan Tyrrell, Jayne DiCarndio, Ryan Clark (WBNERR staff) to discuss the Greenhouse proposal.
  - Joan Muller shared that Tonna Marie strongly recommended the Greenhouse be placed at WBNERR Headquarters. If agreed upon, they would complete the application.
  - We discussed that on March 30th Glenn, MaryKay, Joan Barkin and Lucinda repotted 50 seedlings into reused, mixed sized pots with compost from the Transfer Station. The repotted plants were then placed in her garden for storage until planted in Refuge properties. We voiced concern that planting is messy and would WBNERR want spilled dirt, barrels of soil in their public location.
  - Plants are at MK's home from last year in the raised beds until ready to plant. Future plantings will occur in May and July at different locations (Rod & Gun Club, POH/Tribal Center, Refuge Gardens, pollinator gardens) MK explained she has plants that have been at her home for a couple years waiting to stabilize.
  - While doing the repotting on March 30th, we saw that the Friends plants at different stages are infringing on their personal garden area and we really have to find an alternative
  - Tania L. said they have possible storage for plants, an empty greenhouse that we could use at the Tech Park. She would have to verify with others, but saw it as a possibility.
  - Joan M said that having it at WBNERR, provided water, bathroom facility, and place for outreach.
  - MK shared information from her meeting with Rod and Gun Club members ( A.D., K.C., and Don Clark) about having raised beds, potted plants and a Greenhouse on their property.
    - They wondered if electricity was needed. It would not be needed.
    - Asked if other partners in the Friends Group would come to use the area. Answer no, they would not.
    - Will we grow plants for other partners in the Friends Group at that location? The answer was "yes". They had no issue with that.
    - They said the location of the Greenhouse would be on Field 3. It has water tanks and a dirt road, near a pollinator garden, meadow and apple orchard
    - They wanted to know how we would stabilize the Greenhouse. MK explained to them and told them the

one she has was the same as in the proposal and it withstands 60 mph winds

- They would prefer the larger 8" x 14" size Greenhouse. They would want to grow Atlantic White Cedar.
  - They would have to talk with their Board for approval.
  - WBNERR may want to have their own Greenhouse for their needs.
  - Tom Eagle wanted to know when a decision was made for location and date, to see about possible funding from USF&W.
  - Location of Rod and Gun in Waquoit Village off of Carriage Shop Road was shared.
  - Tom E. suggested using parking lot blocks to secure the Greenhouse.
  - We want to keep conversations going on between all Friends groups concerning the location of the Greenhouse until we hear a decision.
- [Walk for the Wild \(WFTW\) 2023](#)
    - Need to form a committee for publicity with 3 - 4 people.
    - Last year attendance was lacking, but had good revenue from donations.
    - The event will be in the second week of October. Last year on Indigenous Day.
- [Earth Day Activity - with Mashpee Conservation April 19 & 21](#)
    - Dan K reported on his upcoming events.
      - April 19th: Pickerel Cove: arrive at 8:30am, start at 9:00am. Remove Black Locust and invasives, plant White Oak Seedlings to create a buffer. At 10:00, move on to Fitch on Meetinghouse Road. Event is hosted by AmeriCorps Seniors, but Friends can participate also.
      - April 21st: Event at Casey Combs School. Each child will plant Pawpaw and White Oak seedlings to bring home
      - We will add plants that we have with Dan for Earth Day Activities. These plants are part of the grant funding we were given to use for Earth Day.
        - We will send him the names of the plants to Dan
      - Members of FMNWR will attend the April 19th event.
- [Osprey Nest Cam - they're back!](#)
    - Saturday's event of the platform and osprey nest blowing away could have been a huge problem. When the Falmouth

Osprey Project, WBNERR, and Mark K heard they all pitched in to solve the problem.

- Sunday at 8:00 am volunteers arrived. Falmouth Osprey Project brought a new platform, Mick Moriarty brought his bucket truck and attached it to the post.
- Sticks from the nest were gathered and placed on the new platform.
- Since Comcast has our Live Webcam with sounds, many viewed the nest blow off and saw the repair. News articles were written
- Monday's Osprey Project event registration at WBNERR is almost full.
- Thank You letters will be written by Glenn to send to both Mick of Moriarty Tree and Landscaping and the Falmouth Osprey Project. A \$200. donation will be given to the Osprey Project for both of them to come to the aid of Rachel and Carson.

**Other Business:**

- Nancy will meet with Joan Muller and Jayne DiCandio from WBNERR to discuss next year's plan for Americorps this Friday, April 7th. The proposal will be due soon. Contact her if you would also want to attend. The plan is for them to work 2 days a week. They start working with partners October 1st and work until mid July.
- Leo will keep a journal about his Osprey Project with students to be included in the Summer Newsletter

**Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:26**