



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting July 5, 2023**

### **AGENDA:**

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [May 30 Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report
  - [2023 Budget](#)
- 5:15 Membership Committee Report
- 5:20 Updates
  - NE Cottontail Eagle Scout Project
  - Wild Care (Orleans) June 17th
  - Americorps (Leo: osprey project)
  - Greenhouse proposal(s)
    - USFWS Small Visitor Services Project Funding?
  - POH Camp - 7/19-20
    - USFWS Retirees Assoc Mini Grant
  - Water at Red Brook Rd?
  - [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) 2023 - combine with Mashpee walk?
- 5:40 Other Business
  - Tennessee Nursery Co. - banner advertising on FMNWR website?
  - Inventory system for brochures
  - Raising Monarch Butterflies - 7/27 @ Mashpee Senior Center
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- 6:00 Adjourn

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 5:09pm**

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

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

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

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tom Eagle (USF&W), Joan Avant (Wampanoag Elder)

#### **Introductions:**

Joan Tavares Avant introduced herself to everyone. She is a member of Wampanoag tribe, has her ED DS, is a journalist writing for the paper as Grannie Squannit. Since we have so many Joans attending the meeting, we will refer to her as Grannie.

### **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

Minutes for the May 30, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account increased this month by \$2,761.31 ending @ \$ 22,574.98
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$ 10,196.83, ending balance of \$9,874.69
  - checking account activity
  - **Expenditures: total \$ 419.74**
    1. Zoom = \$ 15.99
    2. Pollinator plants = \$ 208.00 (APCC plant sale)
    3. NWRA donation = \$100.00
    4. Reimbursement (L.Keith) = \$18.86 -Partners meeting supplies
    5. Constant Contact = \$76.89 -Annual payment
  - **Income: total \$97.60**
    1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
    2. Donations
      - PayPal = \$97.52
- MaryKay reviewed the monthly report.
- In the future the Cape Cod 5 CD will be included as a separate line item.
- We agreed that MaryKay will provide the Treasurer's Report quarterly instead of monthly.
- We will continue to receive emails with donations/new members

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

- Joan B noted that the new members were not highlighted on the Membership spreadsheet.
  - MaryKay highlighted on the spreadsheet the new members for this month
  - At this time we have approximately 120 History books.
  - Glenn and MaryKay will give copies of History books to Joan B, she has 0 books
- We discussed holding off on printing more History books
  - We would want edits done prior to printing more
- Discussed referring members to our website to view History books and to determine whether to send to each new member. No decision made.
  - We would want edits done prior to printing more
- Discussed Partners look into funding of printing of books when needed and distributing

### **Updates:**

- NE Cottontail Eagle Scout Project
  - Rabbitats were built at 2 locations (Red Brook and Falmouth Rod & Gun Club (June 19th and 20th)
    - At a later date, Griffin will work with Tom E and Sasha Z for signage for both locations
- Americorps (Leo: osprey project)
  - Leo was not in attendance, Nancy reported he has written about the project and will give to Nancy to share with us in next week
- Greenhouse proposal(s)
  - USFWS Small Visitor Services Project Funding?
    - Tom E reported we were not awarded the grant
  - We are still considering WBNERR and Falmouth Rod & Gun Club about a greenhouse at their locations
    - Tom E will talk with the FR&GC about applying MOU to address questions about liability

- Tom E will talk with Jason about Friends possibly using part of one of their greenhouses to grow plants
  
- POH (Preserving Our Homeland) Camp - 7/19
  - Tom E will find out about the logistics (start time, location of events, organization of the day, etc ) and share the information with us for July 19th.
  - Ted will be coming and has asked the DPW to bring a rototiller to prepare the pollinator garden prior to the day at the Farm.
  - USFWS Retirees Assoc Mini Grant
    - Awaiting to hear the final decision in reference to the mini grant for POH.
      - Ted will give a \$600 donation for POH plants.
  
- Water at Red Brook Rd?
  - Cost to put in water is too expensive
  - Dan will replenish water this Friday
    - Purchased a rain barrel to place there
  - Tom E will discuss with Mashpee Fire Dept to tap the hydrant and fill barrel, water plants
  - To address frequency of watering, add mulch to retain water, also plants require less water since more mature
  
- [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) 2023
  - WFTW and All Mashpee Walk are combining
  - Dan K is drafting trail map, will share
  - Mashpee Recreation will provide vans
  - Date set for October 14th, 2023, no rain date
  - Dan K will set up Follow Up Meeting
    - Dan will do trail blazing
      - Let Friends know and include Scout troop to help

#### Other Business

- Banner
  - Dan found the banner at Town Hall
    - Can bring to trailer or we pick up at meeting next week
    - We have 2 banners, one for Friends and one for Partners to take to events
  
- Parking lot location
  - Dan is setting up meeting with Town Manager for next week to discuss Visitor Center at parking lot on Rt 28
  
- Tennessee Nursery Co. - banner advertising on FMNWR website?
  - We have purchased bare root native plants from them this year
  - We discussed opportunity to display their banner on our website for 1 year and have donation of \$200 worth of plants from them
  - Discussed advantages/disadvantages of advertising on website and setting precedent.
  - Glenn will find room to display their banner on the Pollinator section of our website

- Inventory system for brochures
  - Glenn shared spreadsheet with location and number of brochures at each
  - Suggestion made to record date, number taken, person taking brochures and History books on the boxes located in the trailer
  - Agreed to use both methods for tracking
- Raising Monarch Butterflies - 7/27 @ Mashpee Senior Center
  - July 27th, 10:30 am MaryKay will give presentation
    - Introduction of FMNWR, hands on materials, banner,
    - Powerpoint for anyone to share with different groups
- WBNERR 35th Anniversary July 30th
  - On bluff at WBNERR, 3pm -6pm
    - Ryan will send details to Glenn to post on FMNWR website
- Volunteers
  - Discussed ways to increase volunteers
  - Will add this topic to agenda for our next meeting

**Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:55pm**