



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting August 1, 2023**

### **AGENDA:**

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [July 5 Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Partners Updates-upcoming events
- Orenda Land Trust “Gardening for Wildlife Gala: Saturday, September 16, 2023, 5:30-8:30 PM at Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club, Centerville, MA
- 5:15 Updates
- Raising Monarch Butterflies - 7/27 @ Mashpee Senior Center
    - Powerpoint available on website
  - POH Camp - 7/19/2023
    - USFWS Retirees Assoc Mini Grant awarded \$843.00
    - Writeup for newsletter/website to be done
  - Eagle Scout Rabbitat Project
    - Writeup for newsletter/website to be done
  - WBNERR 35th Anniversary July 30th
    - On bluff at WBNERR, 3pm -6pm
  - Americorps
    - Osprey Project: writeup for newsletter/website?? (Leo)
  - [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) 2023
    - Combine with Mashpee walk (10/14/23)
    - WFTW Orientation: [Video](#) (1.5 hrs) or [view slides only](#)
    - Registration site live September 1st
  - VC in Town parking lot on Rt 28
    - Meeting with Town Manager ??
- 5:45 Other Business
- Attracting Volunteers
  - Mashpee Oktoberfest 2023 (Saturday 9/30)
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- 6:00 Adjourn

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm**

### **Board Members Attending:**

President: Glenn Davis, Historian: F. Tom Fudala, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church, Clerk: Lucinda Keith

### **Others in attendance:**

Tom Eagle (USF&W), Johnny Robinson: Orenda Land Steward

### **Partner's Updates Upcoming Events:**

Johnny Robinson shared information about the upcoming event at the 2023 Gardening for Wildlife Gala, September 16th, 2023 at Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club, Centerville, MA.

- 4 speakers will talk about pollinators, native plants
- Great opportunity for networking with other Cape Cod conservationists.
- 2 minute video will be share showcasing properties
- Early bird special of \$50 tickets through August 15th
- Friends Partner's banner will be displayed at the event.

### **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

Minutes for July 5, 2023 were approved unanimously.

### **Updates:**

- Raising Monarch Butterflies - 7/27 @ Mashpee Senior Center
  - Powerpoint available on website to be used by any partners
  - Mary Kay shared powerpoint with us
  - 20 people attended the event
    - Presentations included information about the refuge, coupled with Monarch information and displays

- Excellent response, they would like future presentations
- Opportunity to reach volunteers for Friends
- POH Camp - 7/19/2023
  - Big success
    - Chief Mills voiced interest along with Talia Landry over a greenhouse and interns helping with growth of plants, and learning about propagation.
  - USFWS Retirees Assoc Mini Grant awarded \$843.00
    - To be used for expenses on plants
    - [Task to complete:](#)
      - Glenn will check dates to end spending and date of report
  - Writeup for newsletter/website to be done
    - Sasha will send her write up and photo to share for newsletter
- Eagle Scout Rabbitat Project
  - Writeup for newsletter/website to be done
    - [Task to complete:](#)
      - Tom Eagle will follow up with Griffin Jones for the write up and the panels
- WBNERR 35th Anniversary July 30th
  - On bluff at WBNERR, 3pm -6pm
    - Members of the Friends group attended, nice event
- Americorps
  - Osprey Project: writeup for newsletter/website?? (Leo)
  - [Task to complete:](#)
    - Nancy will forward to us the write up that Leo completed after our meeting
    - Check with Joan Muller for photos and also permission to use in newsletter
- [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) 2023
  - Combine with Mashpee walk (10/14/23)
  - [Task to complete:](#)
    - Glenn will contact Dan K and the Mashpee Rec. re trail, parking, bus situation, Set up a meeting to discuss plans
    - Friends connect with Naukabout Brewery re fundraiser, table

- Begin planning for website during August
  - WFTW Orientation: [Video](#) (1.5 hrs) or [view slides only](#)
    - Suggestion for all to view the slides to familiarize with upcoming event
  - Registration site live September 1st
- VC in Town parking lot on Rt 28
  - Meeting with Town Manager ??
  - [Task to complete:](#)
    - Glenn will contact Dan K to set date for meeting

### **Other Business**

- Attracting Volunteers
  - Oktoberfest opportunity
  - Use membership list to import members interests in volunteering
  - Set dates for volunteers to participate and include AmeriCorp
  - Nancy suggested presentation about MidWay Islands Refuge and FMNWR
  - [Task to complete:](#)
    - Set date for the presentation and see if Mashpee Library is available
- Mashpee Oktoberfest 2023 (Saturday 9/30)
  - Registration deadline is September 16th
  - \$25 for each table
  - May sell items at our table
  - [Task to complete:](#)
    - Tom E will see if Fish and Wildlife will want a table
    - Glenn will look into registration
- Sasha will send information to Glenn about the agreement
- Falmouth Rod and Gun Club may be revisiting a greenhouse
  - Suggestion that MaryKay and or Glenn attend to answer questions

**Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:09 pm**