



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting September 5, 2023

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [August 1st Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Membership Update
- 5:15 Updates
- USFWS Director Martha Williams visited Mashpee today 9/5
 - Mashpee Oktoberfest 2023 (Saturday 9/30)
 - Volunteer schedule
 - [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) Saturday 10/14/23 11am-1pm
 - Co-sponsored with Mashpee Conservation & Mashpee Recreation Departments
 - Registration site went live September 1st
 - <https://support.americaswildliferefuges.org/Mashpee>
 - Naukabout
 - Wampanoag Tribe participation?
 - Activities?
 - Publicity - flyers, etc.
 - T-shirts for participants?
 - Volunteer schedule
 - Visitor Contact Station at Town parking lot on Rt 28 ??
 - Next steps?
- 5:45 Other Business
- Planting at Trustees property on Old Barnstable Rd
 - Date TBD & volunteers?
 - Speak at Rotary Club of Osterville & Mashpee?
 - Date TBD
 - Thursday mornings 8am @ Cape Cod Coffee Roasters Rt 130
- 6:00 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:12

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:

Joan Mueller (WBNERR), Joan Avant, Tom Eagle (USF&W),

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for August 1st, 2023 were approved unanimously.

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

- There were 3 new members.
- There were people that donated multiple times this year, (not monthly recurring)
 - They will receive Thank You for continued support

Task to complete re Membership

- Neil, Joan, MaryKay and Glenn will meet to discuss payments, recurring, multiple in a year from same member

Updates:

- USFWS Director visited today 9/5....moved to later on agenda
- [Walk for the Wild](#) (WFTW) Saturday 10/14/23 11am-1pm
 - Combine with Mashpee walk
 - Registration site live September 1st
 - Naukabout
 - Glenn spoke with Peter
 - Publicity - flyers, etc.
 - T-shirts for participants?
 - Decided not to do T-shirts
 - When people register, they can purchase a T-shirt
 - Volunteer schedule
 - Tom F will be at the table at Naukabout
 - Lucinda is in communication with Jason about tribe involvement
 - Received donations (sponsorships) from Cape Cod 5 (\$250) and Roche Bros. (\$100)
 - Everyone that completes walk gets a sticker from Walk for the Wild

- Task to Complete for Walk for the Wild
 - Tom F will set up meeting with Glenn and Pete from Naukabout to discuss details (set up to be on phone after meeting)
 - MaryKay and Glenn find out how to set up payments through Venmo and Square for that day
 - MaryKay will look at items for Raffle/Silent Auction
 - If we do raffle, need to purchase permit
 - Lucinda continue talk with Jason
- VC in Town parking lot on Rt 28
 - Next steps
 - Will wait to hear next step from Dan Kent
- Mashpee Oktoberfest 2023 (Saturday 9/30)
 - Volunteer schedule
 - 8:30 - 4:00
 - Morning (Neil, Joan B, Glenn)
 - Afternoon (Joan A, Tom F, MaryKay)
 - Rain Date it October 1st
 - Glenn cannot attend
 - Task to Complete for Oktoberfest
 - Volunteer Schedule will be sent in email to sign up
 - MaryKay will make list of what to take that day
 - Wilson may bring Prescribed Fire Banner
 - MaryKay has furs
- USFWS Director visited today 9/5
 - No refuge visit
 - Tour given to Tribe farm, oyster farm

Other Business

- New Refuge Manager for Eastern Massachusetts will be appointed
- Joy has left USF&W, now Sasha and Wilson working with USF&W
- Planting at Trustees property on Old Barnstable Rd
 - Date TBD & volunteers?
 - MaryKay has 80 pollinator plants to plant
 - Task to Complete for Trustee Planting
 - Set date
 - Volunteers from Friends
 - Ask Trustees for volunteers
- Speak at Rotary Club of Osterville & Mashpee?

- Asked to give informal talk about Friends groups at Rotary Osterville and Mashpee on Thursdays at 8 am at Cape Cod Coffee
- Task to Complete for Rotary Club of Osterville and Mashpee
 - Set date in October
 - Volunteers to go with Glenn and MaryKay

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:21