



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on December 5, 2023 email votes December 6 - December 8th, 2023**

### **AGENDA:**

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [November 7 minutes](#)
- 5:10 Membership Report
- 5:15 Environmental Oversight Committee (Alexandra Zollo)
  - Open Space and Recreation Plan
- 5:15 Updates
  - Future newsletter content and dates (Nancy/Lucinda/Grace)
  - Friends Agreement (Tom E./Sasha)
  - Partners Meeting
    - Thursday 12/7 9am at WBNERR Boathouse
    - Presentation on Visitor Contact Station at 966 Falmouth Rd
    - Food?
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- 5:50 Other Business
  - AmeriCorps Service Project?
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### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 5:03**

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

President: Glenn Davis, Historian: F Thomas Fudala, Clerk: Lucinda Keith

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

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Joan Muller (WBNERR), Sasha Azeez (USF&W), Grace Vachon (AmeriCorps), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tania Lewandowski, Tom Eagle (USF&W), Greta Nelson (Orenda), Alexandra Zollo, Joy Cohen (volunteer)

## **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

Minute approval for November 7, 2023 will need to be voted on via email since we had no quorum.

- **TASK TO COMPLETE:**  
Send email for vote to accept the Minutes from November 7, 2023
- **EMAIL VOTE CONDUCTED:**

November 7, 2023 Minutes were approved via email (7-0)

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

- A report was not shared since the Membership Committee was not in attendance

## **Environmental Oversight Committee (Alexandra Zollo)**

- **Open Space and Recreation Plan**
  - Alexandra shared the need for land acquisition in Mashpee and open space funding
  - There was a proposal submitted to the CDC for \$100,000
  - The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee consultant would craft the plan, verify properties, hold public meetings
  - Tom F. shared there was a report done with each parcel designated as future use
  - Further discussion will occur at the Partner's Meeting 12/7/23
  - The FMNWR board members in attendance support the Open Space and Recreation Plan, would need a quorum to formally support
    - **TASK TO COMPLETE**
      - Discuss and hold vote for support
    - **EMAIL VOTE CONDUCTED:**
      - Email EOC support was approved (6-1)

## **Updates**

- **Future newsletter content and dates (Nancy/Lucinda/Grace)**
  - Thank you to Grace for Fall Newsletter
  - Grace shared ideas for future newsletters
    - Catch Up with AmeriCorp
      - Explain what AmeriCorp is and projects
    - Creature Feature
      - Raccoons
        - Rabies, conflicts with humans, role in the refuge



- Wilson reach out to Griffin about sign for Rabbitat Project
- **Building in Falmouth/Wildlife Corridor/Endangered Species (Tania)**
  - Shared concerns for project off of Sandwich Rd near Coonamessett Restoration
    - Asked for potential volunteers and support from the Friends and Partners
      - **TASK TO COMPLETE (Tania)**
        - Send email with map of the area of potential project
- **Orenda (Greta)**
  - Shared her goals and future projects
    - Educate
    - Dedicated Merry Lowe Sanctuary to Richard F. Bowdoin
    - Tree trimming, prescribed burn for cottontail habitat

**Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:20pm**