



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting on November 7, **2023**

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [October 3 minutes](#)
- 5:10 Johns Pond and Quashnet trail network feasibility study proposal
(Colton Atkinson)
- 5:25 Membership Report?
- 5:30 Discuss CD renewal at CC5 bank
- 5:35 Updates
 - Walk for the Wild (WFTW) and Naukabout event
 - Financial review
 - Visitor Contact Station on Rt 28 (966 Falmouth Rd)
 - Next steps:
 - Mashpee Select Board (January/February)
 - CPC (CPA) application (due April 1, 2024)
 - Building options
 - Chamber of Commerce involvement?
 - Fall Newsletter
- 5:55 Other Business
 - Friends Agreement (Tom E./Sasha)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 5:07

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), Grace Vachon (AmeriCorps), Tom Eagle (USF&W), Colton Atkinson

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for October 3, 2023 were approved unanimously.

Johns Pond and Quashnet trail network feasibility study proposal

Colton Atkinson shared photos and maps of different existing trails, roads north of route 151 with the prospect to work on these to improve surfaces for (bikes, strollers, wheelchairs) and connect them for access.

- He is looking at feasibility, cost for CPC proposal
- He would like suggestions.
 - Shared our possible Visitor Contact Center on Route 28 and possibility to connect to Great Hay Rd to South Cape Beach
 - We suggested he look at trail maps from Town Hall
 - **TASK to be COMPLETED:**
 - Glenn provide trail maps to Dan for Town Hall
 - Trail maps needed at Pickerel Cove
 - Dan K shared that the Conservation Commission wanted more details, plans from Colton prior to the next presentation that he gives.
 - Dan will connect with Colton

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

- **No new members this month**
- **156 Active Members**

Discuss CD renewal at CC5 bank

- MaryKay shared that CD is due November 14th, have until November 24th to make changes
- Looked at different rates for CD's at several banks
- Discussed putting funds in Fidelity so we can move if needed
- Motion to move funds from CD and \$3,000 from checking to Fidelity
- Unanimous vote to move \$5,000 to Fidelity Money Market

TASK to be COMPLETED:

- Move funds (\$5,000) to Fidelity Money Market between November 14th -24th.

Updates:

Walk for the Wild (WFTW) and Naukabout event

- Financial review
 - Total revenue (sales, donations, corporate sponsors, raffles \$1,338.
 - Expenses \$269.
 - Net Profit \$1,069
 - Awaiting money from Amplifier Fund in next weeks
- We had DeBrief meeting in October to discuss what worked, needed to change for next year
- Do we do walks throughout the year and/or WFTW?
TASK to be COMPLETED:
 - Set up meeting in February to discuss future walks

Visitor Contact Station on Rt 28 (966 Falmouth Rd)

- Next steps:
 - Mashpee Select Board (January/February)
 - Dan said Town Manager will set meeting date in January
 - Will want type of building, cost, layout design, more specifics
TASK to be COMPLETED:
 - Set date for subcommittee to discuss include Dan
 - Potential date for Partners Meeting in December or January
 - Dan will send list of architects/engineers
 - Reach out to Chamber of Commerce
 - Reach out to Dave Viera
 - Tom F draw up site plan
- CPC (CPA) application (due April 1, 2024)
- Building options
 - Shed? Tiny House?

- Needs: Storage, inside/outside exhibits, restrooms? housing?
- Chamber of Commerce involvement?

Fall Newsletter

- Grace had written articles and Glenn will send this week

Other Business:

- Friends Agreement (Tom E./Sasha)
 - Will work with Sasha
- Tom E: November 14th moving oysters, Tom E will send more information

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:39