



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED MINUTES For March 4, 2025 Online Zoom Meeting**

### **AGENDA:**

*Meeting Etiquette: To keep our meetings as productive as possible and to encourage a welcoming and respectful atmosphere for all participants, please:*

- *Be on time and come prepared*
- *Listen to others without interrupting*
- *Keep comments brief and on-point (refrain from personal stories)*
- *Respect each other's thinking and value everyone's contributions*
- *Follow-through on action items in minutes (in red)*

5:05 Introductions (if any)

5:08 Updates

- AmeriCorps (Kaycee)
- Partners Updates
- Visitor Center updates
- PLA Fundraising Initiative (Tania)
- Membership Report (Lucinda)
- Annual Meeting April 1st (no foolin'!)
- 30 Facts

5:40 Other business

- ERMC Virtual Coffee with Grace B. 1pm-2pm "This is an opportunity for you and your board to ask me and your "Friends" questions, share thoughts and ideas to support and advance the Eastern MA NWR Complex priorities.
- Dave Vieira's- plant a tree in honor of his Dad?

5:55 Approve [February 4 minutes](#) (please review prior to meeting)

6:00 Adjourn

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

### **Board Members Attending:**

Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Historian: F Thomas Fudala, Tania Lewandowski, and Katelyn Cadoret

### **Others in attendance:**

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR),

Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tom Eagle (USFWS), Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation) and Kaycee Doherty (AmeriCorps)

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Introductions not needed
- Meeting Etiquette reviewed
  - Follow-through on action items in minutes (**in red**)

### **Updates:**

- AmeriCorps (Kaycee)
  - STEAM Night at Bourne Intermediate School March 27
  - Complete 3 presentations and flyer to go to organizations
  - Looking forward to going to Bournedale Elem for work in garden and projects
  - Refilled kiosks with trail maps
- Partners Updates
  - Mashpee Conservation (Dan)
    - Conceptual design of fish ladder along Rt 130
    - Public outreach
    - Looking for volunteers for herring count at all 3 rivers
  - WBNERR (Ryan)
    - Report on mitigation of Southern Pine Beetle on Washburn Island
  - Falmouth Conservation (Mark)
    - All Partners keep in touch re Southern Pine Beetle to share information and any upcoming projects
- Visitor Center updates
- PLA Fundraising Initiative (Tania)
  - Received paperwork from PLA today for Yawkey
  - Need letters of support from Partners by March 11th, 2025
  - Potential of grants other than Yawkey
  - Category of grant: Conservation and Wildlife
  - PLA has grant writers
  - **Tania look into PLA/USFWS Agreement**
- Membership Report (Lucinda)
  - 3 new members for the year
  - 14 renewals for membership/1 was recurring
    - Thank you letters were sent
- Annual Meeting April 1st (no foolin'!)
  - Discussed in person or virtual
    - Looked back at prior Minutes and we discussed virtual
- 30 Facts

- Katelyn reported on ideas of the 30 facts
  - Habitats, cedar swamp, wetland restorations, partnerships, history book, recovery of Ospreys, brochures, cultural plants for Wampanoag Tribe, AmeriCorps, economic value
  - One a day leading up to the Anniversary of Refuge April 19th, starting March 19th
  - **Katelyn share with others so they can add information**

### **Other Business**

- ERM Virtual Coffee with Grace B. 1pm-2pm "This is an opportunity for you and your board to ask me and your "Friends" questions, share thoughts and ideas to support and advance the Eastern MA NWR Complex priorities.
  - Reviewed with group for other Board members to know
- Dave Vieira's- plant a tree in honor of his Dad?
  - **APPROVAL UNANIMOUS VOTE to purchase a tree for Dave Vieira's Dad, species and location to plant to be determined at a later date.**
- Conference this Saturday March 8th, email sent earlier for registration
  - Cape Cod Natural History Conference
- Honor the Earth Day April 12th 11-4

### **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

- Minutes for February 4, 2025 were approved unanimously.

### **Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:04**