



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED May 6th, 2025 MINUTES For 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

5:00 Introductions (if any)

5:05 Updates

- AmeriCorps
  - Update on funding crisis
- Visitor Center
  - Town Meeting Vote
  - Review proposals from:
    - Cape & Islands Engineering
    - Catalyst Architects
- USFWS update
- 30th Anniversary Planning
  - Suggestion of venue
- POH Camp
  - Wednesday July 23rd
  - Set date to meet with Dale about POH after second week of May
- Walk For The Wild now Find Your Wild new dates Sept 1- Oct 13th
- Osprey Cam
- Membership

6:05 Re-elect Directors

6:10 Approve [April 8 minutes](#) (please review prior to meeting))

6:15 Adjourn

**Meeting called to order 5:06 pm**

### **Board Members Attending:**

Co-President/Co-Treasurer: Glenn Davis, Co-President/Co-Treasurer: MaryKay Fox,  
Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Historian: F Thomas Fudala, Tania Lewandowski, Katelyn Cadoret

### **Others in attendance:**

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Grace Bottitta-Williamson,(USFWS), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Kaycee Doherty (AmeriCorps)

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Introductions
  - Not needed

### **Updates:**

- AmeriCorps
  - Update on funding crisis
    - Federal funding cut, so now Barnstable County funded
  - Other projects
    - Finishing up the second Creature Feature about Sparrows
    - Gave presentation at Bournedale to 2 second grade classes and hands on activity re pollinators
    - Shout out to Kaycee for participation at Source to the Sea by Dan
    - Email Dan about date/time of AmeriCorps pre planning for June 6th (Lucinda)

Asked if anyone needed to leave early so agenda topics could change

- Visitor Center
  - Town Meeting Vote
    - Passed with 183 to 8 votes YES
      - Set in motion planning for deadline with the state of June 30th to spend Earmark from the state by June 30th, 2025
    - Review proposals from:
      - Cape & Islands Engineering
      - Catalyst Architects
        - Submit 2 proposals to the state for signature
          - Noting agreement could be different between cost and the scope of work could change.
          - Add bullet points addressing parking, lot, easement, eliminate Title 5 septic system sent to architect and engineering companies
      - We need site plan to talk to the Town Manager
      - Dan will talk to the Town Manager to see if we need a lease prior to work with the engineer.

- After proposal submitted to the state, send to the Partners with set date to look over and comment
  - Glenn and MaryKay email the Town Manager to discuss steps to follow
- USFWS update
  - Tabled discussion-no one was present from USFWS
- 30th Anniversary Planning
  - Suggestion of venue
  - Tabled since not all Partners in attendance
  - Put 30th Anniversary Planning on agenda at June Partners Meeting
- POH Camp
  - Wednesday July 23rd
    - At Maushop Farm
    - Subgroup discussing plants
      - Let MaryKay know if you want to be on subgroup
  - Set date to meet with Dale about POH after second week of May
    - MaryKay visiting Farm/date set?
- “Walk For The Wild” now “Find Your Wild” new dates Sept 1-Oct 13th
  - can include other activities (kayaking, biking, ect.)
  - Planning meetings will be set with subgroup (Lucinda)
  - Contact Pete at Naukabout about potential dates (Lucinda)
- Osprey Cam
  - 3 eggs
  - Discussion about banding chicks/adults
  - Find out best time to band from Sean (Ryan)
    - Possibly do this year
- Membership
  - 6 renewals

## **Other Business**

- Discussion about possible walks at Quashnet, Mashpee River this Saturday
- Mark giving tours of Upper Coonamessett
  - Contact if you want to go

**Reelect Directors**

**Unanimous vote to re-elect the Directors for FMNWR**

**FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

**Minutes for April 8, 2025 were approved unanimously.**

**Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:34**