



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED MINUTES For Online Google Meeting August 5, 2025**

### **AGENDA:**

- 5:00 Introductions (if any)
- 5:05 Updates
  - AmeriCorps (Lucinda)
  - Visitor Center
    - Waiting for follow-up from Town Manager
- 5:20 Upcoming talks/events:
  - FYW: Saturday, Sept 13 (Next planning meeting TBD)
  - MNWR 30th Anniversary Event: Friday, October 3
- 5:40 Membership report
- 5:45 Approve [July 1 minutes](#) (*please review prior to meeting*)
- 5:50 Other Business (if any)
- 6:00 Adjourn

### **Meeting called to order 5:10**

### **Board Members Attending:**

Co-President/Co-Treasurer: Glenn Davis, Co-President/Co-Treasurer: MaryKay Fox,  
Clerk: Lucinda Keith, Tania Lewandowski

### **Others in attendance:**

Grace Bottitta Williamson,(USFWS), Lynn Atkins (Orenda), Tonna-Marie  
Surgeon-Rogers

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Introductions** (if any)

- Not needed

#### **Updates**

- Fundraising Agreement
  - Fundraising Agreement (Grace)

- Reported that there is no need for Fundraising Agreement for the greenhouse with PLA (Public Land Alliance)
- Not on USFWS property

**TASK TO BE COMPLETED**

- Grace awaiting email from PLA to state no Fundraising Agreement needed will forward to Friends
  - Tania needs the name of new PLA Point of Contact name
  - Grace will send a letter of support
- AmeriCorps (Lucinda)
  - Kaycee graduated from AmeriCorps
  - Her last articles are on website/Facebook
  - We were awarded an AmeriCorps Member for 2025/2026
- Visitor Center
  - Waiting for follow-up from Town Manager
- Orenda
  - Acquired new property
  - Record year for terrapins

Upcoming talks/events:

- FYW: Saturday, Sept 13 (Next planning meeting TBD)
  - Registration on August 8th
  - Planning meeting August 12th
  - Trail in Makepeace/Orenda property
    - Flat, wide, little incline
  - Guided tour by any Partners volunteers
    - Flexible timing and did not put in the event description
- MNWR 30th Anniversary Event: Friday, October 3
  - Planning meeting TBA
    - USFWS, WBNERR, Friends
    - Grace point of contact while Tom is out on Medical Leave
    - Awaiting response from Retired USFWS to apply for the Anniversary Grant

- USFWS
  - Maddie is new Seasonal Hire, Wilson starting next week as Seasonal Hire
  - Phased approach for the USFWS trails

Membership report

- Will combine with next month

Sponsors and Donations for Find Your Wild (FYW)

- Cape Cod 5, Eversource, Roche Bros

Approve July 1, 2025(*please review prior to meeting*)

- **Unanimous approval of July 1, 2025 Minutes**

Adjourn

- **Unanimous Vote to Adjourn at 5:57**