



# Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

## **APPROVED** MINUTES For Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:00pm via Google Meet

### **AGENDA:**

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- *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 (Lucinda)*
- *Visitor Center*
  - *Waiting for follow-up from Town Manager*

5:20 *Upcoming events:*

- *FYW: Saturday, Sept 13*
- *Southport Presentation September 17th 11am -12 (Lucinda)*
- *MNWR 30th Anniversary Event: Friday, October 3*

5:40 *Membership report*

5:45 *Approve [August 5 minutes](#) (please review prior to meeting)*

5:50 *Other Business (if any)*

6:00 *Adjourn*

**Meeting called to order 5:00 pm**

### **Board Members Attending:**

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

- **Quorum was not present to approve MINUTES from August 5th Meeting**

### **Others in attendance:**

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Madelyn Kaplin (USFWS), Carl Melberg

### **Meeting Minutes**

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## **Introductions**

- Carl Melberg introduced himself
  - 41/42 years with USFWS

## **Updates**

- AmeriCorps (Lucinda)
  - Meet and Greet September 29th
  - Swearing In Ceremony
    - October 8th 11 am, Barnstable Court House
    - All invited
  - Member starts October 14th
  - Cape Space will start October 1
  - AmeriCorps Group Project requests
    - Let me know if you want a group project  
Oct - Dec (Mondays/Fridays)
- Visitor Center
  - Waiting for follow-up from Town Manager
    - Have not started capital campaign, waiting for lease

## **Upcoming events:**

- FYW: Saturday, Sept 13
  - Beer tickets charge \$6.00 for 1, 2 for \$10
    - **TASK TO COMPLETE**
      - **Need more \$1.00 bills for change**
      - **New sign (Tom will make)**
      - **Larger table (Tom will bring)**
  - New names to go with opening of USFWS trails and 30th Anniversary
    - 30 Year Lager

- Trail Ale
  - Set up in 9:30
  - Silent Auction/Raffle Winner 3:30
  - Pack up 4:00
  - TASK TO COMPLETE
    - Send section of trail that needs mowing, Dan will get back to Lucinda, MK and Lu will mow before event
    - Dan will add signs for Parking, Start & Finish to map this week and resend to Lucinda
    - Let Dan know timing for installing walking signs on Friday, also retrieving signs on Sunday
    - MaryKay will bring First Aid kit
    - MaryKay/Lucinda work on Finish Line
  - Butterfly borrowed from Waquoit Church for photos-will place at Refuge entrance gate off Ashumet road
  - Due to limited # of Friends, assigning roles critical
  - Reviewed Sponsors and Donors
  - Volunteers needed
  - Advertise
    - So far in Falmouth/Mashpee Enterprise, FB groups, APCC Newsletter, Waquoit Congregational Church, emails sent to members, volunteers, walking groups, different organizations, Falmouth and Bourne schools, Partners
    - Please spread word!
- Southport Presentation September 17th 11am -12 (Lucinda)
  - Will be a presentation giving tidbits about Refuge and Friends and possible other future presentations?
- MNWR 30th Anniversary Event: Friday, October 3
  - Discussed possible speakers

- Fran Smith, Steve Hurley, Chuckie Green, Mark Forrest, Susan Warnak (MC), Mark Robinson
  - **TASK TO COMPLETE**
    - Ryan reach AD re Steve Hurley
    - Tom reach Chuckie
    - MarkKay reach Mark Forrest
    - Create an email to send to invite guests
  - Themes for speakers
    - Quashnet/Childs River Restoration
    - History of creation of Refuge to conserve land
    - Prescribed Burns bringing Partners together
    - Highlight Partner Projects
  - Spread speakers out throughout the event mixed with interactive activities
    - Storywalk
    - Bingo trivia
    - Visit Partners tables to learn about projects
- Invite reporter/Press Release
- Do we want to shorten time 1-3?
- Possibly celebrate Opening of USFWS trails in Spring
- **TASK TO COMPLETE**
  - **Report via email about availability of speakers on Monday Sept 8**

### **Membership report**

- Will combine July, August and September report for October meeting

### **Other Business**

Ryan reported they are looking to trim trees close to the Osprey Cam, Ryan will let Glenn know date/time, Glenn will try to come to discuss

**Approve August 5 minutes**

No quorum, agenda item moved to October meeting for approval