



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED May 5, 2026 MINUTES For Online Google Meeting

AGENDA:

Introductions

Updates

- *AmeriCorps (Lucinda & Alayna)*
- *Visitor Center*
- *Upcoming Events*
 - *Planting at KC Coombs May 12th 🐝🐝🐝*
 - *May 19th 10:00 Mashpee Senior Center "Gardening for a Better Cape: Promoting Pollination and Native Species"*
 - *May 26th 2:00 "Land, Community and Conservation: History of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge" Falmouth Public Library (Alayna)*
[Register here.](#)
 - *June 9th 10:00 Mashpee Senior Center "Land, Community and Conservation: History of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge"*
 - *WBNERR pollinator plant giveaway June 13th, 11am*
 - *June 23rd Mashpee Senior Center Not So Scary Species: The Fascinating Food Web of MNWR 10am*
 - *POH July 21st.*
 - *Race Amity day June 14th (Mashpee Town Park) (added by Richard)*
 - *Barnstable County Fair-table (added) July 20-26, 2026 Weekend (added by Lynne)*
- *Vote on POH and other native plant purchases for 2026*
- *Discuss and vote on additional cost for CapeSpace to allow for a second day per week for AmeriCorps Member in 2026/27*

Other Business

Membership report

Approve [April 7 minutes](#) (please review prior to meeting)

Adjourn

Board Members Attending:

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

Others in attendance:

Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Alayna Krempa (AmeriCorps Cape Cod), Lynne Barbee (Mashpee Resident), Christina Jacobi (Falmouth Resident), Richard Klein (Mashpee Resident), Joan Patterson (Falmouth Resident), Jackie Sadowski (USFWS), Tom Hoppensteadt (Orenda Land Trust), Tonna-Marie Surgeon-Rogers (WBNERR)

Meeting Called to order at 5:02

Meeting Minutes

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves to the new attendees

New attendees introduced themselves

Richard Klein: Mashpee Resident, Member of CPC Board

Tom Hoppensteadt Land Steward with Orenda Land Trust

Joan Patterson Falmouth Resident

Jackie Sandowski Volunteer Coordinator USFWS

Updates

- WBNERR (Ryan & Tonna-Marie)
 - Pine Beetle Meeting June 15th 9-12:15
 - The link was shared on this [website](#).
 - June 13th Pollinator Plant event at WBNERR
 - Time and details provided at June meeting
 - Tania and Alayna (if available) volunteered to host a table for FMNWR
 - New Coastal erosion photo opportunity "Snap" installed on South Cape Beach at State Parking Lot Boardwalk
 - Monitors coastal change
- AmeriCorps (Lucinda & Alayna)
 - Gilbert Goldfinch lesson at KC Coombs
 - Presentations given at Falmouth Library and Southport Community
 - Meeting with Ryan and Sonia (WBNERR) about walks in Refuge
 - Will reach out to Dan Kent and Henry Torpey (Lucinda)
 - Tom stated that Orenda property is not open for walks

- Met with Buddy and Jason (Wampanoag Tribe) re POH day and prep for AmeriCorps group project
- Working on Not So Scary Species: "The Fascinating Food Web of MNWR"
 - Reach out to Katelyn (Alayna)
- Planting at KC Coombs next Tuesday
- Visitor Center
 - Heard from the Town Manager
 - The town is working on insurance and other issues
 - Possible meeting within the next week with Town Manager
 - No idea yet of the timeline or terms
 - Hoping to have more information to report next month
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 - Volunteers Joan, Tom H
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- Volunteers Lucinda
 - Will need to contact Richard if doing (Lucinda)
- Barnstable County Fair-table (added) End of July 20-26, 2026 Weekend?
 - Volunteers Tania
 - Link provided
<https://capecodfairgrounds.com/>
 - Would need to sign up ASAP if doing inside FMNWR table
- Vote on POH and other native plant purchases for 2026
 - Discussion prior to vote
 - POH is Preserving Our Homeland camp for Tribal youth
 - MaryKay explained in past we had grant from Retired USFWS, this year no grants are given
 - List of plants sent to for approval
 - Discussed this year that Jason and Buddy would like plant identification cards, Alayna creating
 - Aerial sprinklers onsite and an intern to monitor
 - Potential AmeriCorps group project to prep the area
 - Proposed to Board the approval of purchase of plants up to \$1,000.00 for POH and garden.
 - **Unanimous approval by FMNWR Board for purchase of plants up to \$1,000.00 for POH and other gardens.**
- Discuss and vote on additional cost for CapeSpace to allow for a second day per week for AmeriCorps Member in 2026/27
 - Proposed vote on approval of additional \$74.
 - Discussed this would go in effect if we were selected by AmeriCorps for 2 days of AmeriCorps placement and if we were not yet occupying the Visitor Center

- **Unanimous approval by FMNWR Board for additional cost for CapeSpace to allow for a second day per week for AmeriCorps Member in 2026/27**
- Other Business
 - Glenn will email Jackie (USFWS) board members emails
- Membership report
 - I new Member, 1 renewal membership
- Approve [April 7 minutes](#) (please review prior to meeting)
 - **Unanimous approval by FMNWR Board of April 7th minutes**
- Adjourn
 - **Unanimous approval by FMNWR Board to adjourn at 6:33.**