

Friends of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Board of Directors Meeting Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 7:00 p.m. Remote via Zoom

Present: Ellie Bailey, Bill Gette, Peg Gould, Kevin Komiega, Lynette Leka, Ted Olsson, Dave Williams

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Ted Olsson.

Draft Letter to Matt Hillman, Refuge Manager Regarding the proposed Habitat Management Plan:

The Board discussed the letter paragraph by paragraph and made revisions. Discussion focussed on the proposed changes to the North Pool, Bill Forward Pool and Stage Island Pool. The Board expressed respect for the scientific research expressed in the plan but had concerns regarding the proposed changes impacts on birds and bird watching.

It was moved and voted six to one for Ted Olsson to meet with Matt Hillman to discuss the letter and to then report back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor Bailey Secretary