

Dark Sky Committee Minutes
September 20th, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:10pm

In attendance: Katherine Charrette, Adam Charrette, Sarah Gater, Susan White, Babette Haley, Bill Collins

Excused: Steven Luger, Melinda Grimes

Katherine opened the meeting with a summary of the last couple meetings for those that were absent.

Lighting Ordinance

Adam presented a lighting zone comparison to the Historic district for the upcoming lighting ordinance, it was well received. Sarah and Babette commented that the new LED street lights are much better than the previous street lights. Adam will bring in the visual to the next meeting to present to the committee.

Fire Fly Reserve

Susan recommended utilizing fox state forest for the firefly reserve. Babette mentioned how fox state forest being a state park would help with getting funds to propel the dark sky initiative. Babette also suggested contacting UNH cooperation extension services as they have a strong history of supporting conservation efforts and could add significant resources to the dark sky project.

Sky Quality Readings

Bill will bring the SQM to some northern areas of New England to see how Hillsborough compares to other dark sky sites.

Dark Sky Outreach Events

Susan Suggested using the seasonal solstices as times of the year for events. Babette suggested using Halloween in the Park to reach out to kids and students to get them involved with the dark sky movement and leading them to the sky quality measurement app. Katherine heads the Halloween in the Park event and will look into creating a section for dark sky awareness.

Katherine motioned to adjourn; Susan seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.