

Dark Sky Committee Minutes
May 17th 2022

Meeting opened at 6:05

In attendance: Sarah Gater, Bill Collins, Susan White, Steven Luger, Katherine Charrette, Adam Charrette

Introductions of all members.

Adam gave an overview of the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) program and its requirements, benefits, and compatibility with existing town conditions.

Members all agreed that community outreach and educating the public would be the committees' main goal and focus.

Everyone proceeded to brainstorm different ideas including:

Asking Eversouce to get involved through light fixture donations.

Getting the library on board and use their telescope to get people hooked on the night sky.

Contacting local businesses to update their fixtures.

Astrophography of residences and businesses for comparison of good and bad lighting practices.

Program to fund residential fixture upgrades.

Developing a student/kid program called "Night Sky Nerds".

Getting the school photography class involved with astrophotography.

Night sky festival including astrophotography, telescopes, and light pollution reduction.

Handouts for tourists.

Full moon hikes on winter nights.

"Look up" campaign

Fundraising and promotional swag for sale.

All members agreed to familiarize themselves better with the provided materials and the IDA program for the next meeting.

Next meeting:

June 21st 6:00pm at the fire station

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm