

**TOWN OF SOMERS**  
**Open Space and Trails Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday May 15th, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
**Kibbe Fuller**

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Moses at 7:07 PM

**II. Members Present:**

Ann Moses, Richard Bailey, Eileen Blouin, Mike Blouin, Debra Romano, Brad Dolben, Dominic Wilson, Patrice Carson, Chuck Carson and Maureen Parsell.

**III. Audience:** None

**IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Mike Blouin to approve the 9/19/2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Brad Dolben. Motion carried with one abstention.

**V. Correspondence:** See Old Business

**VI. Old Business**

A DEEP representative has confirmed that the Hurds Lake fish and water quality survey will be performed the night of May 18<sup>th</sup> with the survey boat launching at 8:15 PM. Committee members Ann Moses, Patrice Carson and Chuck Carson plan to attend the sampling with two maximum being allowed on the boat with DEEP personnel.

**VII. New Business**

Patrice Carson suggested that due to a lot of night-time partying and loud noise at Camp Aya Po, Somers DPW put up a chain across the entrance to the parking area that can be locked at night until a gate is installed later this year.

The butterfly meadow is in good shape and there isn't much trash seen at Aya Po following the girl scout's clean-up day last month. The trash receptacles are being used and emptied.

There is a lot of beaver activity on Hurds Lake with two lodges between the shore and the Lakeside Trail. They have been cutting many small trees and bushes along the shoreline.

Brad Dolben led a hike on the Somersville Mill Trail and reported that the trail is in fairly good shape but will need work this spring to knock back the Japanese knotweed and other vegetation.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next SOSTC meeting is scheduled for Monday June 26th 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**IX. Adjournment**

7:26 pm. Motion to adjourn by Patrice Carson, seconded by Debra Romano. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bailey - Secretary