

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY SQUIRES

Minutes for the meeting of August 14th, 2025

Steve Seamans opened the meeting

Steve introduced Don Elliot who gave an excellent Words of Inspiration

Rick Marsh introduced guest, David and Bob Hollinger

Jerry Coogan introduced guest, Bob Friedlander

Lunch was followed by our featured speaker, Kim Chandler. Kim spoke on the subject, New Hampshire's Covered Bridges. Kim has written a book on the subject (available on Amazon). There are only 70 Covered Bridges left in NH which once numbered in the hundreds.

Covered Bridges were created to protect the roadway portions of the bridge from the NH weather. They were constructed with a series of trusses to support the bridges which provided a novel means of supporting the bridges and increasing their lifespan. Unfortunately, the primary reason for the disappearance of these beautiful structures is arson. The famous Cornish-Windsor bridge is the longest covered wooden bridge. Kim is clearly the expert on this subject and gave an excellent detailed presentation on the bridges.

The presentation was greatly enjoyed by the assembled members.

This month as our featured speakers:

We are pleased to have Hans Carlson, new Executive Director of Ausbon Sargent, and Ann Davis, property owner of Woods Without

Gile, as our speakers. We will learn more about Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust's current efforts to conserve land in the Sunapee region.

Ann Davis will share her and her husband Marc's efforts to improve the timber quality and protect the excellent wildlife habitat, open space and

watershed values of their 470 acre property. In 2024. Ann and Marc were named "Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year for the Northeast Region"

by the American Tree Farm System.

Submitted: Tom Flynn, Secretary