

**Agenda**  
**Tolland Conservation Commission**  
**Zoom Remote Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Seating of Alternate(s)**
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Additions/Changes to Agenda**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Old Business**
  - 7.1. Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt
  - 7.2. Forest Management Areas
- 8. Reports from Head Steward and Subcommittees**
  - 8.1. Conservation Corp (Bob Rubino)
  - 8.2. Management Plans (Gene)
  - 8.3. Communication and Education (Jane)
  - 8.4. Property Boundaries and Trail Mapping (Adam)
  - 8.5. Town Owned Property Evaluations (Gene)
  - 8.6. Wanat Property Design Implementation (Peggy, Jane)
  - 8.7. Grant Writing and Fund Raising (Peggy)
- 9. Reports/Information from Other Organizations**
- 10. Staff Updates (David Corcoran)**
- 11. Items for Next Meeting**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Approve Minutes – June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- 14. Adjournment**

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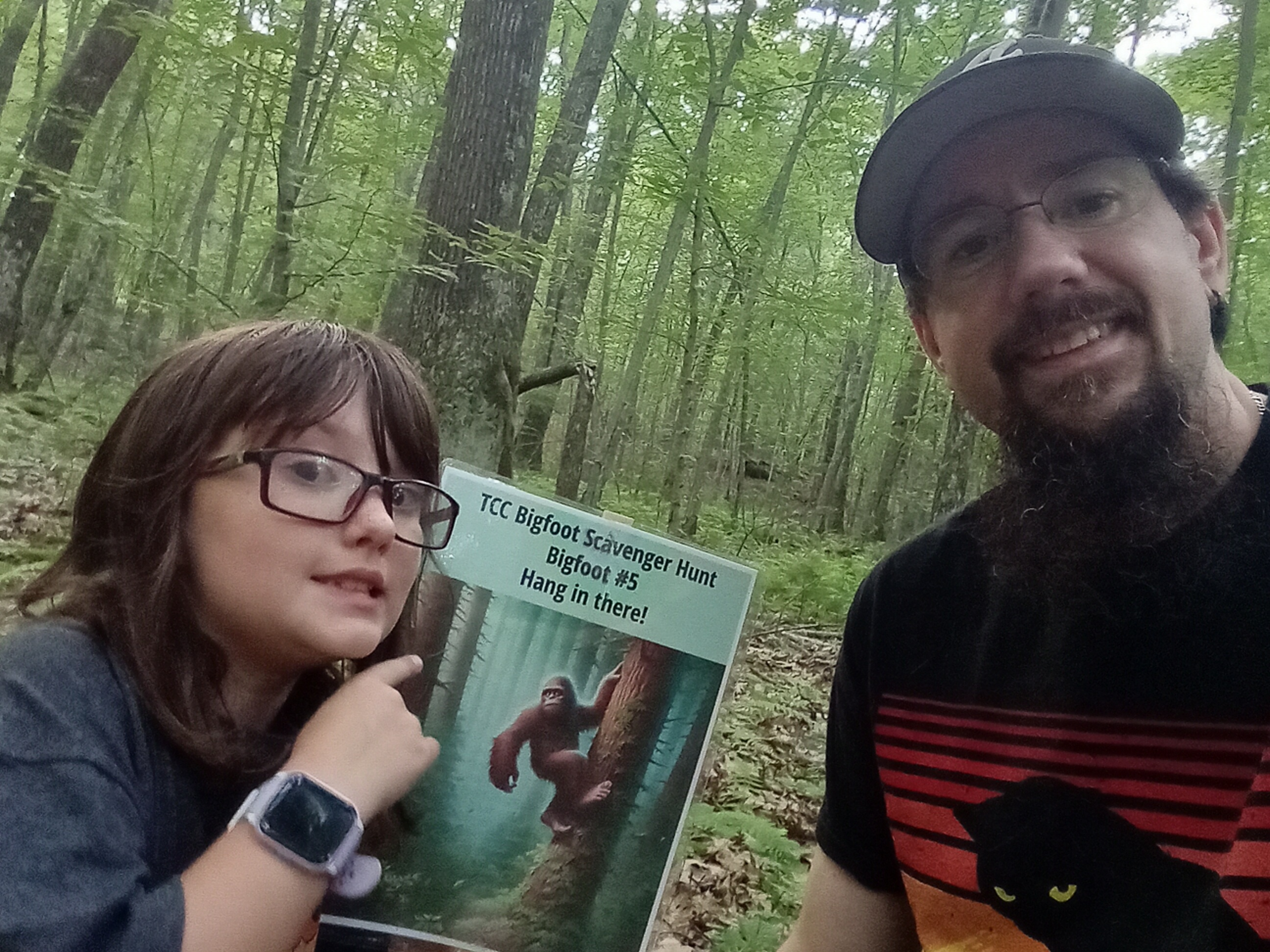


NORTHERN BERKSHIRE  
**BLACK BEAR**  
SPRING FLING  
2024

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TCC Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt  
Bigfoot #1  
Great start!



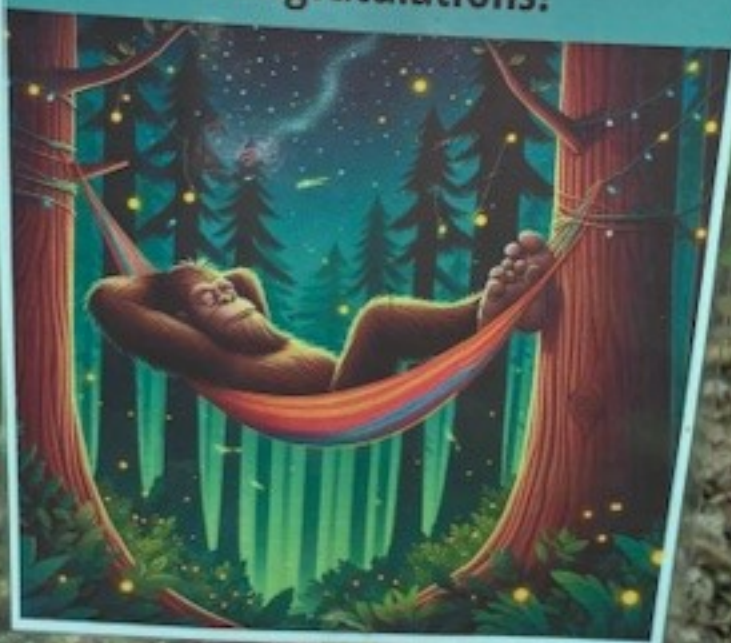


TCC Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt  
Bigfoot #5  
Hang in there!





**TCC Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt**  
**Bigfoot #8**  
**Congratulations!**





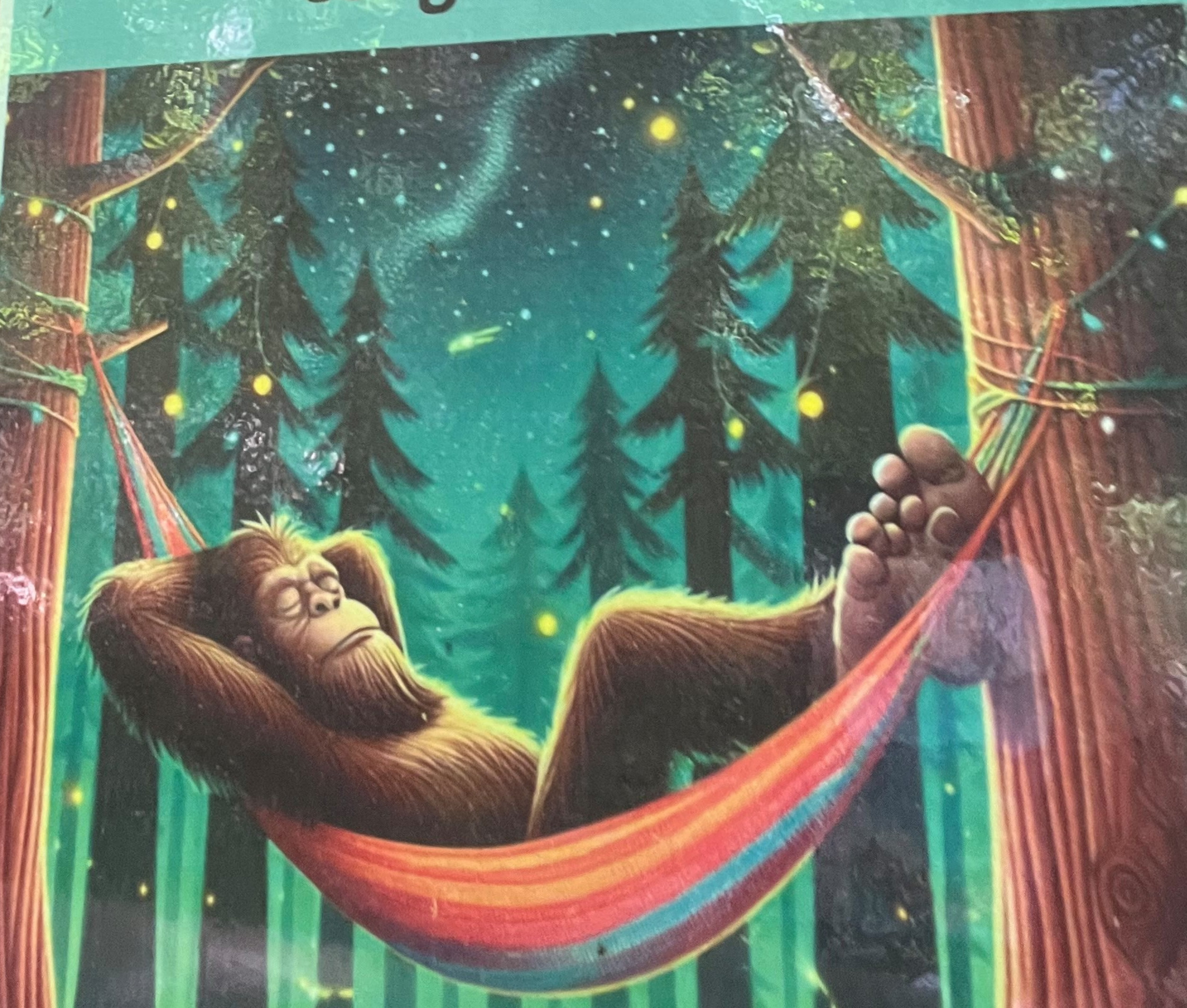
YCC Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt  
Bigfoot #1  
Great start!







**TCC Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt**  
**Bigfoot #8**  
**Congratulations!**



# Tolland Conservation Commission (TCC)

Meeting minutes

13 June 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

**1. Call to order** 7:01 p.m.

**2. Roll call**

TCC Members: J. Simao (Chairman), E. Koss, L. A. Swan, P. Webb, A. Grossman

Planning and Development: D. Corcoran

Conservation Corp: R. McCann, B. Rubino

Public: A. O'Neil

**3. Seating of Alternate(s)**

None needed.

**4. Public Comments**

There were none.

**5. Additions/Changes to Agenda**

There were none.

**6. New Business**

None.

**7. Old business**

**7.1. Timber Harvest Activities**

- An estimate of \$14,500 to create a Stewardship Plan for the Palmer, Crystal Peat and Schindler-Schmidt Conservation Areas was received from the forest manager. A motion was made by E. Koss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Grossman to use ARPA funds to pay for the creation of the Stewardship Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion on funds for signs at the Parciak conservation area was held. The remaining funds from the ARPA grant and other existing unused funds will be used to purchase the signs. The forest at Parciak has started to regenerate and is looking good. B. Rubino will order the signs.
- A discussion was held about making signs to explain the 6<sup>th</sup> grade school project and indicate where each 6<sup>th</sup> grade class cleared barberry. B. Rubino stated that he will make some signs out of scrap wood and donate them.

**7.2. Trail Connection to Shafran**

Discussion on rerouting the current connection from Shafran trail to the Blue Dot Trail was held.

- The current trail is on a road. E. Koss explained the layout and brief history of the proposed new connection.
- A site walk of the proposed trail is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. The area to be crossed is owned by the CT Water Company. All commissioners are reminded to fill out the release of liability form for CT Water Company prior to the site walk through.
- D. Corcoran will create a special meeting notice.

**7.3 Bodner Property**

- D. Corcoran reported that the Town Council approved the use of up to \$8,000 for an appraisal of the Bodner property. He will report more at the next meeting.

## **8. Reports from Head Steward and Subcommittees**

### **8.1 Conservation Corp**

- R. McCann reported that some left over 4X4 pressure treated lumber has been donated from the town to be used for signs.
- R. McCann reported that a trailer suitable for transporting the ATV has been found. The town will purchase using \$7,000 of grant money.
- A. Grossman stated he has a wooden trailer that could be towed behind the ATV. R. McCann stated that the Tolland Fire Department also has a 5'x4' trailer that we can use.
- R. McCann stated that there is one more trail day left for the spring. This was originally scheduled for this Saturday but has been rescheduled for 6/22 at Wanat.
  - J. Simao stated that there is trillium on the trail at Wanat that should be moved off the trail.
  - P. Webb stated that the Garden Club would like help moving stones around the garden at Wanat. Also, more stones need to be purchased. B. Rubino stated he will measure the area for the stones and estimate how many more edging stones are needed. R. McCann said the Conservation Corps will help move the stones on 6/22 trail day.

### **8.2. Management Plans**

E. Koss stated that he has not talked to anyone at the senior center yet about the connection to Paulk Hill, but did walk the area. The New England Mountain Biking club are still using the trails for mountain biking but were respectful of him walking the trail. He will report more next meeting.

### **8.3. Communication and Education**

- J. Simao stated that the Tolland Pollinator Pathway Group is getting a web page at a cost of \$200 a year. They are asking if the Conservation Commission can help pay for this. A discussion on the cost of this was held and A. Grossman stated he thought there could be a cheaper way to do it. A. Grossman and J. Simao will discuss offline and report back.
- J. Simao stated that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher sent an email asking if there is interest in continuing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade project next year. She is planning this to be a yearlong project. All agreed we should continue to support this activity.

### **8.4. Property Boundaries and Trail Mapping**

A. Grossman stated that he is planning on walking all boundaries of the conservation areas this summer.

### **8.5. Town Owned Property Evaluations**

None.

### **8.6. Wanat Property Design Implementation**

None.

### **8.7. Grant Writing and Fundraising**

None.

## **9. Reports and information from Other Organizations**

None.

## **10. Staff Updates**

- D. Corcoran stated that the commissioner's terms expire this year. Commissioners need to email back the town if they want to continue serving.
- D. Corcoran stated that next month the CT Countryside Initiative plans on launching a website. Links can be added as needed.

## **11. Items for Next Meeting**

None.

## **12. Announcements**

There were none.

**13. Approve Previous Minutes**

A motion was made by E. Koss, 2nd by A. Grossmen to accept the minutes of the 9 May 2024 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

**14. Adjournment**

A motion was made by A. Grossman, 2nd by E. Koss to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Ann Swan  
Secretary, Tolland Conservation Commission