1st Round Votes/Comments (8-1)

TLE: A; barely enough to accept, but the tail, color of underside and back, possible sightings by others, and good date help.  Observer seems to know the species and I will take his word for it that he heard the typical call of a STKI.  good record for Essex Co.

WRP: A

MF: A; Are we still reviewing these?

ID: A; Although the vocalizations are a weird part of this record, I find it hard to believe that any experienced observer could mess up a Swallow-tailed Kite overhead, especially someone who is very into raptors.

TS: A; A little concerned. Do these birds vocalize frequently?

SS: A; I tried to think of another species Kirk may have had, but cannot at this time. Certainly an easy bird to ID (even without binoculars-relatively close) and the odd call that alerted him to something different coming his way.

RS: A; Though the description is limited, I find it hard to accept that this could have been anything else.

BN: A; Very early, but one of several reports of this unmistakeable species during that time frame in 2014.

JRT: R; I don't see anything to really vote on here, other than the statement that it was vocalizing, something I have never known a STKI to do in New England.