

Thanks to our autumn newsletter, JULT received a number of much appreciated membership donations. This is just a reminder that our membership year now runs from January to December rather than May to April. If you renewed in May we will carry your membership over for the upcoming year. We will try something new when we send out our renewal requests later this month. Anyone who renews or signs up for a new membership can recommend another person for a free trial membership. This way, they can receive our newsletters and see if they want to be part of our membership base.

JULT is currently working together with the Vermont Land Trust to help save the Bolton Valley Nordic and Backcountry Lands. We will be working on a joint letter to our membership in our attempt to help VLT save this crucial piece of land that provides recreation, wildlife habitat and water resources.

JULT also collaborated with the Jericho Conservation Commission on a barberry abatement project at Kikas Valley Farm. For the most part we cut the plants and applied a topical herbicide but we also created a test plot where we pulled up all the barberry and we will monitor that section to see if it grows back. We plan on working with the Jericho Trails Committee which is hoping to GPS the spur trail at Barber Farm. We are also weighing our options for upcoming forestry work at Wolfrun Natural Area. The plan is to use a temporary bridge because we don't want to encourage ATV use.