

Jericho Underhill Land Trust Annual Meeting – May 7, 2012

Board Members present: John Koier, Phyl Newbeck, John Schroeder, Trevor Squirrel, Livy Strong and Hilaire Thomas

Members present: Jan and Harris Abbott, Jean Archibald, Dawn Batchelor, Julia Blake, Bob and Willy Cochrane, John Connell, Alicia Daniel, Lisa Gannon, Dave and Fran Ganter, Steve Gelatt, Carla Hochschild, Doug Keith, Barbie Koier, JoAnn Koneczal, Donna and John Kunkel, Irene Linde, Louise Mathews Grace Nelson, Bill and Catherine McMains, Julie Schroeder, Phil Sharpsteen, Bill Wheeler and Joanne Weinstock

Livy Strong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:50

1. Introductions

Livy introduced all the board members who were present and explained their roles. John Koier is Vice Chair and head of the land stewardship committee, Hilaire is Treasurer, Phyl is Secretary, John Schroeder takes care of our printing, Trevor heads up strategic planning and Catherine is the author of our sustainability plan. We can always use volunteers for our many endeavors.

2. Voting

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of 2011 were approved. Upon another motion duly made and seconded, JULT members voted to re-elect John Koier, Phyl Newbeck, John Schroeder and Livy Strong to three year terms on the Board of Directors.

3. Financial Report

Hilaire Thomas reported that we are \$16,500 better off than last year thanks to a logging operation at Kikas Valley Farm. However, last year's spring floods required a major expenditure to rebuild a land bridge at Wolfrun Natural Area. Tropical Storm Irene took out the new bridge so we had to start from scratch. Another expense was redoing our website. As of December 31, 2011 we had \$94,823 of liquid assets in addition to our land holdings. Our net worth is \$755,310.

4. Summary of 2011

Livy noted that we have beautiful landscape in our two towns but we can't take it for granted. Donating to JULT will help ensure the landscape remains beautiful and will be enjoyed for generations. She noted that we try to keep members updated on our activities through e-mail, our website or our Facebook account. The latter is a public account which can be accessed by people who aren't on Facebook themselves.

Livy described 2011 as "quiet, busy and loud." We spent a good deal of time working on strategy. Trevor heads up strategic planning which is an attempt to merge information from the Jericho and Underhill Conservation Commissions. Catherine spearheaded work on a

sustainability plan which should help us communicate better with the community. Those are the quiet things. The big loud things were twice losing the only pedestrian access to Wolfrun Natural Area which was finally restored two weeks ago after spending thousands of dollars. We are also working with families in both Jericho and Underhill who are interested in conserving their land. The Kunkels recently conserved their land through the Vermont Land Trust. Sometimes fundraising is required for these purchases but sometimes it can be done quietly.

Livy introduced our guest speaker Lisa Gannon of NEARA to talk about the cairns at Wolfrun Natural Area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Phyl Newbeck
JULT Secretary