

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – July 5, 2021

Board members: John Koier (from Cape Cod, left at 7:20) Michael Lazorchak, Phyl Newbeck, Livy Strong, and Hilaire Thomas

1. Review of minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of May, 2021 were approved.

2. Financial Report

In May we took in \$102 in an in-kind donation of books from Diana Dunn as well as \$172 in memberships and \$25.60 for a refund and anonymous donation. We spent \$159 on our Zoom membership, \$165 in legal fee for the Charron property, \$425 in membership dues for the Land Trust Alliance and \$21 for a credit card reader. In June we took in \$110 in membership and spent \$1,101 for insurance and \$4,000 for the removal of invasives at Kikas Valley Farm.

Our total assets are \$1,201,073 consisting of \$985,487 in fixed assets, \$91,662 at New England Federal Credit Union, \$46,188 in our money market account, \$28,905 in our checking account, \$28,568 in Schwab investments, \$11,064 at the Vermont Community Loan Fund and \$9,197 at the Vermont Community Foundation.

3. Land Stewardship

John applied for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program money for the pasture, as well as some EQUIP funding through the USDA for herbicide spraying work at Kikas Valley Farm. He doesn't expect to hear from either until next spring. Removal of invasives at Kikas Valley Farm by Will Dunkley will begin shortly.

4. Land projects

The MOU from VLT was submitted to the Jericho Select Board and since then, Livy and Bob Heiser of VLT attended a meeting with the Select Board to answer questions about the MOU. The few questions asked were rehashes of earlier ones that have been answered. The Jericho Conservation Commission has talked to the Select Board about putting some or all the town's Open Space line item into the Conservation Reserve Funding.

5. Publicity/Outreach/Events

Livy hasn't written the summer newsletter yet and given the cost of it, she may skip it and instead send out a longer fall newsletter. Diana Dunn will be teaching two art workshops at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library and is thinking about having a tent for JULT at Harvest Market. She is also involved in an upcoming Town Hall exhibit which centers on conserved land.

6. Community news

The summer concerts at Mills Riverside Park start on July 7. The concerts are every Wednesday in July and the first week of August from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,
Phyl Newbeck, JULT Secretary