

JULT has had a number of successful events of late. Our annual meeting was enjoyed by all who attended and our annual bird walk was a hit with a great variety of birds both seen and heard. Next year we may skip the slide show that precedes it because less people come to that.

Another successful event was a series of two work days planting silver maples at Mills Riverside Park to shade out invasive knotweed. JULT and the Jericho Conservation Commission were joined by seventh graders from Browns River Middle School and the SHAPE club from MMU. In other collaboration news, we are working with the Jericho Trails Committee to map walking and cycling trails in town.

We hired a forester to do some patch cuts at Gateway and Wolfrun and learned that we will be able to recoup some of the costs since the trees can be removed via the VAST trail this winter. We cut the trees to make room for more mast trees to provide food for local animals.

Be sure to check your mailboxes for our annual strawberry coupons. All members get a coupon for half off the cost of a quart of strawberries at Paul Mazza's Essex farm stand. Some of the strawberries are grown on his conserved land off Skunk Hollow Road.