

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – August 7, 2017

Board members: John Koier, Phyl Newbeck, Livy Strong and Hilaire Thomas

Guest: Sabina Ernst

JULT recently received a gift of ten acres which are adjacent to Kikas Valley Farm and are currently used for grazing by Cubby Blades. The acreage will be placed in current use together with the rest of Kikas Valley Farm after consultation with our forester.

The easement at Gateway belongs to the state of Vermont and they recently monitored it and were pleased with the results. We do need to do some work on the bridge which provides access to the land since it is no longer serviceable.

In other land stewardship news, in September a local UVM graduate has agreed to do some GPS mapping for us. She also suggested that we apply for a \$1,500 grant from Outdoor Gear Exchange and we will do so.

A subdivision is being proposed for land adjacent to Mills Riverside Park. The landowners plan to donate 3.5 acres at the bottom of the property and 54 acres at the top to the Jericho Underhill Park District. The acreage at the bottom will provide emergency access to the park through a gated fence. Almost all of the development will be outside the viewshed.

Liz Thompson will conduct a walk at Mills Riverside Park on September 30 to make up for the fact that the VLT 40th anniversary walk was rained out. Livy recently saw a bear in the park.

We may collaborate with the Jericho Conservation Commission on a project to remove invasive Japanese Barberry in the fall.