

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – October 1, 2018

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

Guest: Michael Lazorchak

The board expressed gratitude to Chris Gluck who donated a percentage of the profits from her new book to the land trust. We also discussed a successful wildflower walk at Mills Riverside Park led by naturalist Liz Thompson which attracted ten people including a very precocious child. Upcoming events include a cairns walk at Wolfrun Natural Area on October 20, from 10 to noon led by Joanna Carpenter and another walk at Wolfrun led by John Koier on October 27, from 10 to noon visiting cellar holes, foundations, walls and wells. In the 1800's there was a road called East Indies Road through the property which connected Bolton and Jericho, prior to the construction of Stage Road.

The Intervale Conservation Nursery sent a crew of six to Kikas Valley Farm on September 13, removing buckthorn and barberry. They went along the edge of the farm road and removed four mother plants of barberry and 85 buckthorns as well as 40 smaller barberry shrubs and 150 buckthorn shrubs.

We are continuing discussions about the possibility of conserving the hayfield adjacent to Casey's Hill, as well as discussions with the Jericho Select Board about permanent conservation of Mobbs Farm. We are exploring the possibility of obtaining accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance, but must decide if the benefits are worth the cost. We would also like to begin discussions about a strategic plan for our future.