

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – March 5, 2017

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

Guests: Sabina Ernst, Barbie Koier, Mike Rocheleau (chair of the Mobbs Committee)

Livy noted that Jericho has had a budget line item for open space/public use which has declined from a high of over \$70,000 in 2015 to roughly \$32,000 this year. This year she requested that the Select Board add to the funds and the current budget has \$2,500 allocated. Money from the fund was used for the purchases of Mills Riverside Park and the Barber Farm.

JULT has a number of upcoming events:

- May 7 - Our annual meeting at the Jericho Community Center with State Biologist, Tom Rogers as our speaker.
- May 9 - Evergreen Erb will give her annual slide show at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library
- May 12 – Annual bird walk at Mills Riverside Park with Evergreen and Sabina.
- May 20 – Second annual spring wildflower walk with Michele Tulis.
- June 16 - John Koier will lead a new forest walk at Kikas Valley Farm.

Livy has recently attended a number of meetings regarding potential land donations in various parts of Jericho and Underhill. It is gratifying to know that landowners are interested in conserving their property. Livy and John went to the Statehouse for the annual Conservation Day to meet with legislators and other groups doing similar work.