

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – October 7, 2019

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

We now have a sign at the entrance to Wolfrun Natural Area and board members intend to finish marking the boundary of Kikas Valley Overlook. We will be continuing our invasive plant removal with help from the Intervale on October 25. At an experimental $\frac{3}{4}$ acre cut at Wolfrun, white pine is growing which is ideal because deer do not browse on white pine.

JULT and VLT received \$155,000 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board towards the purchase of the Tomasi Meadow adjacent to Casey's Hill in Underhill. We will need to raise a total of \$228,000 and are beginning the quiet phase of our fundraising. We are gratified that community members are already contacting us with offers to contribute. We have until August, 2020 to raise the full amount and will be asking the Town of Underhill for a contribution since they will be the owners of the land if the purchase is successfully completed.

Both our fall wildflower walk and our cairns walk were highly successful with 40 people at the former and 16 at the latter.

Livy will be attending the VHCB conference in Barre which will include round table discussions with other small land trusts.

The JULT board agreed on the need to set aside some time for strategic planning which will be done in phases. At our next meeting we intend to revisit our mission statement which says we are "a private, non-profit organization dedicated to conserving our working landscape, scenic vistas and important wildlife habitats."

Our next meeting will be November 4.