

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – November 4, 2019

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

In land stewardship news, we plan to finish marking the boundary of Kikas Valley Overlook after a hard frost since the ticks are fierce right now. We have also invited a local hunter to visit the land since the deer are destroying the underbrush. John reported that a UVM graduate student did an interesting presentation on a plot of land which he studied at Kikas Valley Farm. We also learned that one of our members contributed a write-up about Wolfrun Natural Area for a Green Mountain Club hiking guidebook. There was discussion about creating access to our Gateway property from the north.

Livy will be asking the Jericho Select Board to put \$5,000 in their open space/conservation fund. We will also be sponsoring an internship for a Vermont Law School graduate who is interested in carbon farming.

The board has been doing some strategic planning and we rewrote our mission statement which now reads: A non-profit organization dedicated to conserving working landscapes, scenic vistas, important wildlife habitat, and community open spaces.