

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – April 1, 2019

Board members: Sabina Ernst, John Koier, Michael Lazorchak, Phyl Newbeck, Hilaire Thomas

John and Sabina walked the boundary of Kikas Valley Highlands but they will have to return when there is less snow. Sections of the barbed wire fence were buried but they put up boundary markers where they could.

The Intervale Conservation Nursery will return to Kikas Valley Farm with their “strike force” to fight against invasive barberry and buckthorn. They destroyed some in the fall and will come back to try to finish the job. Will Dunkling will give us 40 hours of barberry flame weeding

We are proud to report the following upcoming events:

- May 6: Annual Meeting at Underhill Town Hall with Margaret Fowle, Audubon Vermont Conservation Biologist. Conversation and light refreshments at 6:30, annual meeting at 7:00.
- May 9: Evergreen Erb’s bird talk at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m.
- May 11: Evergreen’s bird walk at 7 a.m. at Mills Riverside Park.
- May 18: Michel Tulis’ spring wildflower walk at 10 a.m. at Mills Riverside Park.

We have been working on other potential land conservation projects and hope to have good news to report this summer. We have applied for a grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to get us started.

We are also working with the Mobbs Farm Committee to have that land permanently conserved.

We are holding off on this year’s round of the Master Naturalist Program but may apply for it in a year or so, after learning more about how projects are chosen and overseen.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on May 6.