

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – June 3, 2019

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

Our members should soon be receiving their coupons for half off on a quart of strawberries grown by Paul Mazza. Some of those strawberries are grown on conserved land at Kikas Valley Farm which make them taste even better.

Our annual May events including our annual meeting, Evergreen Erb's bird walk and Michele Tulis' wildflower walk were well attended.

We recently had a crew take part in trying to eradicate invasive barberry plants at Kikas Valley Farm by burning the plants. In other land stewardship news, one of our members has identified the person responsible for ATV tracks at the Gateway property and promised to talk to him. We are discussing ways to try and prevent further ATV or dirt bike use. We are also considering doing some timber extraction on the land.

We had a wonderful meeting in Underhill regarding the potential purchase of the Tomasi hayfield. The project may have to wait a few months since the Vermont Land Trust has suggested that apply for a grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board in September, rather than go for the June deadline. We are having continued discussions with other landowners, as well as with the Mobbs Committee which would like to see their land permanently conserved.

We also discussed the possibility of co-sponsoring an event focusing on invasive species, possibly in September.