

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – August 5, 2019

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

The Board voted to hire a crew from the Intervale to help get rid of invasive barberry at Kikas Valley Overlook. The group has already helped us in other areas and we are hopeful they will continue to provide assistance.

We had a successful walk on Tomasi Meadow and will be asking the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for funding to help with the purchase. We expect their response by the end of September and will pursue other grants if we do not get the full amount requested.

There was also discussion regarding the land adjacent to Mills Riverside Park. The family of the late Don Balch had been planning a development but they have curtailed some of their plans and would like to sell the meadow adjacent to Route 15. The park district would like to have that land to have additional access to Mills Riverside Park so the board voted to assist the park district in trying to conserve that land.

The Mobbs Farm committee is planning a survey on park usership and we are hoping that might get people to think more seriously about conserving the land.

We are planning a number of events including a wildflower walk on September 7 with Liz Thompson and a cairn walk on October 5 with Joanna Carpenter. Karen McKnight chairs the Underhill Conservation Commission and will try to coordinate with Jericho about an invasive species presentation.