

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – February 3, 2020

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

Membership renewal is quite close to last year's numbers and we thank all our loyal members for their continued support.

We have received over \$48,000 toward the purchase of the Tomasi meadow despite still being in the quiet phase of the fundraising. The final amount needed is \$56,000 and we are optimistic about reaching our goal. We have had two public hearings in Underhill to discuss the purchase with one more planned for February 19. We will also educate the public about the purchase at a sledding party from 9 a.m. to noon on February 8.

Other upcoming events will include our annual bird walk and hopefully a wildflower walk. Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper will be the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting on May 4.

Our forest management plans for Gateway and Kikas Valley Farm are due April 1 and we are working with our foresters to make that happen. We are also working on marking the boundary of Kikas Valley Farm to show the additional of the recently donated land. We are troubled by the fact that people have been erecting illegal tree stands on the property. JULT allows hunting on our land but does not allow people to put up tree stands.

Our next meeting is Monday March 2.