

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – May 4, 2020 via Zoom

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

Membership: We've received some new members thanks to the Tomasi campaign. Anyone who contributed to the campaign was automatically granted membership. We raised \$56,000 in very short order, thankfully before the start of the pandemic. In spite of the new members, membership numbers are down.

Events: We have cancelled all our spring events including our Annual Meeting, spring wildflower walk and annual bird walk. We hope to be able to keep our September fall wildflower walk with Liz Thompson.

Land Projects: The Vermont Land Trust is working on the draft easement and interim management plan for Tomasi Meadow. Other potential land projects are in the discussion phase.

Land Stewardship: There may be some issues at Wolfrun if we get a lot of rain because the culvert is submerged. We will soon be getting a proposal for a replacement gate at the entrance which would be rooted to a post rather than attached to a tree.

Various JULT board members have spent time taking care of our trails and removing downed trees and Sabina and her husband have worked diligently to eliminate the buckthorn at Kikas Valley Farm. We will work on the invasive Japanese barberry this summer. We also need to finish putting property markers on our newest properties.

Other business: The board was pleased that the Conservation Reserve Fund passed on Town Meeting Day in Jericho.

Election of Officers: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the roster of officers will remain the same for next year: Livy Strong as Chair, John Koier as Vice Chair, Phyl Newbeck as Secretary and Hilaire Thomas as Treasurer.