

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – November 7, 2022

Board members present: John Koier, Phyl Newbeck, Michael Lazorchak, Lisa Paone, and Hilaire Thomas via Zoom

Guest: Heather Meisterling

John Koier called the meeting to order at 7:00

1. Review of minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of October 2022 were approved.

2. Financial report

Our total assets are \$1,390,713 consisting of \$1,185,502 in fixed assets, \$92,611 at New England Federal Credit Union, \$11,201 in our money market account, \$51,439 in our checking account, \$28,579 in Schwab investments, \$11,188 at the Vermont Community Loan Fund and \$10,191 at the Vermont Community Foundation.

In October we took in \$374 in memberships and spent \$737 consisting of \$646 for printing and \$82 for subscriptions.

3. Membership/fundraising

Livy sent out a fundraising letter, followed by a Mailchimp email blast. Donations are starting to come in. We have moved from PayPal to Stripe and Lisa thinks it is easier to use. Stripe allows for recurring annual donations and a number of people have taken advantage of that option. Hilaire has been unable to send out thank you notes due to computer issues and Lisa offered to do some if there are only a few to be sent out but Hilaire believes we can wait until Livy gets back.

4. Land stewardship

John met with Joellen Stivala of the Vermont Department of Natural Resources for the annual Gateway parcel easement monitoring visit on the morning of October 14. He hasn't received her monitoring report yet, but all seemed to be in order.

John and Livy met with Jeremiah Wilson and Dave Airoidi of the Wingate Development HOA to review the plugged storm water drainage pipe that empties into Paul Mazza's ditch. A solution was worked out that did not require re-digging the ditch. In addition, Dave and Jeremiah volunteered to tag and later remove a bunch of tree stands that they have located near the Tyler Place cul de sac. We will need to update our website with language indicating that we do not allow tree stands on our property.

John also reported that the beaver exclusion fencing at Wolfrun is working like a charm.

Norma Blades requested that the Skunk Hollow meadow be mowed since they didn't have cows grazing this year. She will pay half of the \$225 bill.

5. Land projects

There is no new news.

6. Events

Heather suggested having a Sue Morse tracking event. Lisa took a tracking course at UVM with Michael Kessler, and she wondered whether he or someone else at UVM might be willing to hold an event.

Heather said she wanted to get involved with JULT after going on a cairns walk at Gateway and is interested in helping with other events. She and Lisa will look into options for a potential tracking event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,
Phyl Newbeck, JULT Secretary