

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – March 6, 2023

Board members present: John Connell, Sabina Ernst, John Koier, Michael Lazorchak, Phyl Newbeck, Lisa Paone, Livy Strong, and Hilaire Thomas.

Guests present: Jeff Coulson

Livy called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:00

1. Review of minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of February 2023 were approved.

2. Financial report

Lisa provided the financial report which indicated that our total assets are \$1,407,797 consisting of \$1,185,502 in fixed assets, \$4,932 (one-year term) and \$28,579 (two-year term) at New England Federal Credit Union, \$11,202 in our money market account, \$67,971 in our checking account, \$28,579 in Schwab investments, \$11,357 at the Vermont Community Loan Fund and \$10,191 at the Vermont Community Foundation.

In February we took in \$1,220 in membership donations. Our expenses totaled \$2,047 and consisted of \$421 in computer expenses, \$127 for magnets, \$1,085 for printing, \$30 for subscriptions, and \$383 for Wolfrun Natural Area Property taxes: \$156 to Richmond and \$228 to Bolton.

3. Membership/fundraising

Livy said that every time we send out a newsletter, we either get a renewal or a new membership.

4. Events

The tracking walk was postponed to April 15 because of the heavy snow. On April 29, Michele Tulis will lead the annual Wildflower Walk at Mills Riverside Park from 10 am to noon and May 13 will be Evergreen Erb's bird walk. Typically, she does a presentation the Thursday before the walk.

John Connell wanted to know if we had any events for children. We have had children attend our events but we haven't done anything specifically for kids. Sabina said that Bernie Paquette has been working with the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library as part of his Families in Nature program. John Connell offered to work with Bernie.

5. Publicity

Livy and Lisa will set up a display table at Jericho Town Meeting. Livy is working on the spring newsletter. Livy said she did not have an update on the conservation signs that we will be putting up on conserved land.

6. Community news

John Koier is building a new Little Library in Underhill.

7. Other

Jeff Coulson was a guest at the meeting. He said he has had a family house in Underhill and lived in Massachusetts, but he moved to the Underhill house last June. He has a business background but enjoys being out in the woods as much as possible and offered to help in any way he can.

The meeting concluded at 8:00

Respectfully submitted,
Phyl Newbeck, JULT Secretary