

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – May 5, 2025

Board members present: John Koier, Lisa Paone, Phyl Newbeck, and Livy Strong

Livy called the meeting to order at 7:00.

1. Review of minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of April 2025 were approved.

2. Financials

Our total assets are \$1,393,883 consisting of \$1,187,502 in fixed assets, \$96,700 at New England Federal Credit Union, \$11,209 in our money market account, \$46,565 in our checking account, \$30,051 in Schwab investments, \$11,789 at the Vermont Community Loan Fund and \$10,064 the Vermont Community Foundation.

We took in \$2,543 in memberships in April. We spent \$84 on postage, \$260 for web hosting, \$93 for accounting, and \$82 in subscriptions.

3. Membership/fundraising

Lisa said that two large checks were part of the donations which came in during the month of April.

4. Land stewardship

John was impressed by the turnout for planting trees at Kikas Valley Farm. There were fifty volunteers from Sun Common planting 600 bare root speckled alder, willow, and tamarack, and 500 live stake willows. The funding was provided through Friends of the Winooski River and money through 2027 to do maintenance twice a year.

If the person who is checking on our timber stand improvement work reports back that we've done a good job, we may get some of the money we spent refunded.

Although the funding for riparian improvement at Kikas Valley Farm is on hold there are plans to make sure Paul Mazza is continuing to do the work he promised.

5. Land projects

Nothing new to report.

6. Events

We had 16 people for a rainy wildflower walk. It went past noon and although Michele told people they could leave, they all stayed. Livy said there were people she did not know at the

event. We had the walk listed on Eventbrite but only one person (Michael) used it to sign up, probably because Livy did not include the link in her publicity.

Our annual bird walk will be next Saturday. Evergreen will do a sitting bird walk but last year that was a problem because people approached her to talk instead of listening to birds.

#### 7. Publicity

Livy sent around the posters made by UVM students which they call infograms. There was a discussion about putting them on Instagram as well as on Facebook. Lisa offered to help our Instagram account.

In June we will put our This Land is Permanently Conserved signs back up. The one at the Farm Upstream and two Wolfrun Natural Area were never taken down. John Connell has the signs in his barn.

Livy and Sabina will update the JULT website.

#### 8. Community News

The food hub has been very active. John Koier and John Connell will start up the food sharing shed again this year and there will be another one outside the United Church of Underhill. They are also going to do a community potato patch in Underhill again this year.

Sabina said the CCRPC is updating their future land use map so Jericho and Underhill will be updating their maps, as well. The Jericho one is available on the website and the Underhill one probably is, as well. Comments can be sent to town planners or the CCRPC.

#### 9. Any other business.

Sabina asked whether we wanted to come up a date in June for a presentation by a beaver expert from Williston, possibly in conjunction with the Jericho Conservation Commission. It was noted that summer events can be tricky because many people are on vacation. If the Williston man isn't available, we could post a link to the Ben Goldfarb video on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Livy will send the Strategic Plan to board members to review before our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyl Newbeck, JULT Secretary