

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – March 1, 2021

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

Guest: Diana Dunn

Steve Hagenbuch of Audubon Vermont is coordinating with our new forester Michael Brown to incorporate bird friendly practices in the new forest management plan for Kikas Valley Farm. The board vote to authorize a timber harvest on the property as part of the plan. During our forester's review of the property, he found six unauthorized tree stands. Although JULT allows hunting at Kikas Valley Farm, the installation of tree stands is prohibited and we will erect signage that says so. It was noted that there have been a lot of cross-country skiers at Kikas Valley Farm.

The board eagerly anticipates the Town Meeting Day vote on the conservation of Mobbs Farm. It is an advisory vote but the hope is that the Select Board will follow the will of the voters.

Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper is willing to make a presentation for a virtual Annual Meeting on May 3. Evergreen Erb will lead her annual bird walk on May 8.

Diana Dunn suggested that we should form a marketing committee including at one board member and others, and which may also include some paid, outside assistance. It will help us increase our use of technology like QR codes and perhaps open Instagram and/or Twitter accounts.