

Jericho Underhill Land Trust monthly meeting – June 3, 2024

Board members present: John Connell, Sabina Ernst, John Koier, Michael Lazorchak, Phyl Newbeck, Lisa Paone, 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 May 2024 were approved.

2. Financial report

Lisa provided the financial report prior to the meeting. Our total assets are \$1,381,921 consisting of \$1,187,502 in fixed assets, \$5,092 (one-year term) and \$88,864 (two-year term) at New England Federal Credit Union, \$11,206 in our money market account, \$39,134 in our checking account, \$28,932 in Schwab investments, \$11,615 at the Vermont Community Loan Fund and \$9,574 at the Vermont Community Foundation.

In May we took in \$159 in memberships and while that number is low, we didn't spend a single dollar, so we still finished the month in the black.

We got an extension on our tax filings and Lisa presented the forms created by our accountant. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board approved the 990 form.

This year we have less donations (86 versus 116) but the amount that has come in is greater than 2023 (\$27,720 versus \$10,980). Lisa said this may not be exact.

3. Land stewardship

John Koier will meet with Paul Mazza and the Agency of Agriculture on June 10. We are unsure how Paul will respond to our request, but Livy is optimistic. Friends of the Winooski offered to help with planting but that hasn't happened yet. Plantings will be extended up the stream to further protect the water quality. There was supposed to be some herbicide treatment but it's unclear if that has happened.

Carol Stygles hayed the Riverside Meadow.

4. Events

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We will have a table at the Farmers' Market on June 13. John Koier has a pop-up tent and Lisa and Livy will be there.

We plan to schedule a fern walk with Cathy Paris on August 3.

6. Publicity

Livy is working on a summer newsletter. John Koier and John Connell will put the conserved signs back up.

#### 7. Any other business

John Connell wants to engage kids in land conservation and Michael mentioned something the Stowe Theater Guild and Stowe Area Association do which is similar to geocaching with QR codes. He will try to learn more about it. Livy said Burlington Recreation had a passport for kids to get stamped at parks throughout the county. Lisa suggested getting the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library involved. There was discussion about doing something with QR codes on our conserved land. Parents often bring their children to the events that we hold.

John Koier noted that one of the farms at the Farmers' Market is getting to the end of their lease and is looking for new land to farm. Their lease is up at the end of the growing season.

#### 8. Community news

Sabina said the Conservation Commission is looking for new members. They have recently lost three people. There are two potential new members. The town hired Arrowwood to map the forest blocks in town. That information will be used to rewrite the Natural Resources Overlay. Sabina has talked to some folks from Addison County who are part of a pollinator program. They will have a meeting in June with other Conservation Commissions to try to set up some pollinator habitat.

Underhill successfully planted their potato patch

We will have our annual JULT picnic in August.

The meeting concluded at 7:40

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyl Newbeck, JULT Secretary