

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT  
**MINUTES**  
**1/7/2021**

Board Members Present: Bruce Blokland, Tom Cota, Dan Lerner, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt,  
Dave Williamson

Board Members Absent: Livy Strong

Guests: Marlene Cummings

In the spirit of precautions recently announced by the federal and state government in regard to the Corona virus, this meeting was conducted by Zoom. JUPD social media outlined the ways in which interested public could hear and participate in the meeting by on-line connection.

1. Dave called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:01.
2. Public comment: Marlene asked that the MRP allow dogs off leash on the upper trails. She elaborated on her request. She would like to hike with her dogs off leash on the upper trails. She suggested that weekdays and perhaps an afternoon window might be appropriate.
  - a. Livy, in an email to board members, raised the concern that dogs chase wildlife which MRP has committed to protect .
  - b. There was a good deal of concern that not all dogs are trained well, extending a problem that we frequently hear about. There have been many incidents of dogs jumping on children and adults or challenging leashed dogs.
  - c. No decision was made on this request. We will put the question on the agenda for January 21 for further discussion.
3. Review of minutes: Donna moved to approve the minutes from December 17. Dan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Donna gave the financial Report:

Union Bank Checking	\$4,191
Union Bank Muni Checking	\$38,182
NEFCU Power savings	<u>\$92,093</u>
Total checking/saving	\$134,465
NEFCU accounts	
Unrestricted	\$30,250
Capital projects	\$0
Bridge	\$61,843
Trails	\$0
Ponds	\$0

Bruce moved to accept the report. Tom seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Park Management

- a. Livy and other board members met with Liz Tompson of Vermont Land Trust in regard to riparian buffer and pond. They received some good advice which will be considered in the future.

b. Jobs list: The list has been updated:

- (1) Some of the zip ties holding up the snow fence near the river's edge have broken. Bruce will fix it,
- (2) There is a beaver fallen tree that poses an overhead risk. Dave will contact Neil Villeneuve to remove it,
- (3) Dave suggested that we deal with other downed trees to make trails to the river more manageable. Dave and Tom will work on it after the hanging tree is taken care of,
- (4) Holiday decorations must be removed. Tom and Donna will take care of it,
- (5) Tree down by entrance needs removal,
- (6) People Counter need battery December total count is 12,598 or 203 park users per day. Jim will replace.

5. Events/Publicity

- a. The warning for the Annual Meeting, January 21, 2021 has been posted,
- b. Livy has started working on the summer concerts after the new year. She already has a band for July 21.

6. Other business

- a. Livy attended the DRB hearing on Dec. 9 regarding development of the Charron property. Lee Charron has confirmed that MRP will have access for ambulance and service vehicles.

7. Dan moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. Motion approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Massingham, Sec.