



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.
Meeting Minutes, July 28, 1992

WE HAVE A TRAIL !!!!!

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Seven people were in attendance. Chairperson Marcia Bryan asked for any revisions or additions to last month's minutes. Marcia noted that the letter she wrote concerning the Fishers Rd. subdivision was actually addressed to Mr. Schillinger (chairman of Victor Planning Board) not to Mr. Longwell (subdivision developer) as noted in the minutes.

Harry Lloyd reported that he and Carol MacInnes talked to the town board on July 13th. The town agreed to extend insurance coverage to us for the railway bed trails and all future trails. This was most welcome news and is greatly appreciated by the Victor Hiking Trails membership. The town sent the \$1 license fee to RG&E which now means we can begin work to establish a trail on the old Auburn - NY Central railway bed. We will add a signature line to the end of our revokable permit for a town board member.

Harry agreed to write to RG&E to let them know we're ready to begin work. A work party (consisting of Larry Fisher, Dave Wright, Rich Freeman, Sue Freeman, Chauncey Young) was convened on August 1st, to begin light work on the trail from Fisher's firehall north with a primary goal of scouting for major work to be done. Larry agreed to call the railway bed neighbors before August 1st to let them know we'd be working on the trail.

In Allen Johnson's absence, Marcia reported that he has applied to the state for a sales tax exempt number. He has the federal application and is in the process of applying. It will cost \$150. We now have an official VHT checking account. Allen also looked into a not-for-profit postal discount but found that we'd have to be sending 200+ mail pieces to qualify for a cheaper rate.

Dave Wright attended the planning board meeting. He reported that there's a new plan for the Fishers Rd. subdivision showing 19 lots on 40 acres. They will be clustered homes. Marcia asked the developer for a trail easement (to be deeded into the land). The parcel where the trail would go has 13 acres. We'd like the trail through the middle of the parcel because of the lay of the land. The developer said he may want it along the edge to make the property more salable. We need approval of the easement by Mr. Longwell, the subdivision developer.

Marcia met with Leo Congdon (town assessor) to review maps available at the town hall. We can purchase maps from the county for \$5.

Marcia passed along to Larry Fisher an article on a DOT program on transportation enhancement. It says they give money to groups for land enhancements (like bridges) to turn former railways into walkways. This could certainly be useful for us.

Marcia spoke to Mr. Wilmot about the Cobblestone Creek easement. Mr. Wilmot, subdivision developer, will sketch his idea of where the easement should be and mail it to us.

We're finding it important to have a VHT member attend the planning board meetings. Our conflict now is that they meet on Tuesdays. We would like to vote at our next meeting on a proposal to move the VHT meetings to the 4th Wednesday of each month. Please attend the next meeting to cast your vote. According to our by-laws, we need a 2/3 vote by members present to make this change.

The master plan committee met and drafted a plan. They decided not to include potential trail routes because of the sensitivity of landowners. The proposal is enclosed. Please read it and bring suggestions to our next VHT meeting.

Dave Wright investigated the possibility of a booth at "Hang Around Victor Days", September 12th, 9 AM to 5 PM. ^{\$20} The normal fee is \$10 but Dave sent in an application asking for special 'no charge' consideration. VHT considered selling seedling trees as a fundraiser. Ted Collins said it was too early for evergreen seedlings. He recommended that we use Birch seedlings but they would cost us \$2.50 each. Harry agreed to call around for other seedling sources. Dave suggested that we proceed with a raffle and ask town businesses for donations. Carol suggested that we have a 3 fold handout available with our logo, objectives of VHT, and a mail-in membership form.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Our next meeting is August 25 at 7:30 PM in the Victor town hall.



Sue Freeman

Secretary