



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, October 27, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Nine people were in attendance. Last month's minutes were approved as written.

New Members:

We heartily welcome our new members, thanking them for their support. Please join us at a meeting, on a hike, or at a work party. Welcome to:

Jeffrey & Kathryn Benson

Treasury:

Rich Freeman reported that we have a balance of \$820.97

TrailBoss Report:

Larry Fisher talked to the town engineer about approving our bridge plans. He won't approve plans he didn't design. If anyone knows of a licensed engineer who might help us with bridge plans, please call Larry (924-5803). We may need to look into buying pre-approved plans.

New signs were posted along the Auburn trail. Trail maintenance was halted for this year. It's gotten too dark to proceed.

Misc.:

Marcia Bryan has been asked if VHT will join with other local trail groups (such as Ontario Pathways) to form a regional effort for federal grant money. The State Department of Transportation, ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) is providing a program with \$5M in funds. We may have a better shot at qualifying if we apply as a larger group. The funding is given on an 80/20 basis with 80% funded from the grant and 20% from local funds. We'd be looking for help in funding our Auburn trail bridge. The group discussed this proposal and decided to support this regional effort.

Indian Trail:

Carol MacInnes reported that Paul Hyland signed a revokable permit allowing us access to his land. He owns land near Rt 251 and Rt 96, along our proposed Indian trail. This is where an Indian ambush occurred many years ago.

Pikes Pointe:

Dave Wright met with a representative of Pikes Pointe development. The representative said the town is insisting on them having a trail in the development but they are concerned over our location choice because it goes near the back of their maintenance building. The representative agreed to hike the proposed trail route with us.

Royal View Heights:

The Royal View Heights development is on hold pending town approval of revised development plans. Marcia has submitted a revised map with a perimeter trail. Bernie McCarthy wrote a letter to Mr. Longwell asking for his cooperation in establishing a trail.

Status of Other Plans:

- Cobblestone Creek progress is on hold. Marcia and Carol wrote a response to their questions on our proposed trail.
- We'll wait till spring to find the drier areas along White Brook before deciding which landowners to approach next in the development of our Indian trail.
- We'll wait for winter to scout the proposed trolley & wetlands loop.
- We could pursue the historic connector of the Auburn trail to Fishers park by researching and recording historic aspects of the area and planning the trail route. This will require 2 more bridges.
- We could work on the School Rd to Fort Hill trail. This also will require a bridge.

Joe Letwin agreed to research the questions which came up concerning liability of building bridges on revokable permit land and if we would need engineering approval for all bridges we build.

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee has nominated:

Marcia Bryan for Chairperson
Dave Wright for Vice Chairperson
Sue Freeman for Secretary
Rich Freeman for Treasurer

Voting occurs at our Annual Meeting November 17th.

Tax Assessments:

Norm Smith and Marcia Bryan attended the Victor town board meeting and voiced our support of giving low tax assessments to people who keep land undeveloped.

Meeting Day:

Carol MacInnes proposed that we change our meetings to Thursdays for 1994. This was approved by a vote of the executive committee. In 1994 our meetings will be the 4th Thursday of each month except for the Annual Meeting which will be the 3rd Thursday of November, to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving. The bylaws will be updated (pending any further revisions from our annual meeting next month).

Saturday Hike:

Please join us for a hilly stroll on Saturday Nov. 13th along the Empire State pipeline route from High St. to Keck Rd. Meet at 9AM at the High St. firehall. Call Marcia Bryan with questions (924-2936).

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 17 th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. This is our **annual meeting** where we elect officers and approve membership fees. Hope to see you there!

Sue Freeman



Secretary