

# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street \* Victor \* New York \* 14564-1397

Minutes of meeting held on Dec. 17, 1998 at Victor Town Hall:

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Dave Wright.

Those present were:

Carol MacInnes

Larry Fisher

Dave Coleman

Chauncy Young

Dave Wright

Betsy Morissey

Douglas Fisher

Minutes of the Nov. 19, 1998 meeting were approved as corrected (wrong date at top).

Treasurer's Report-

Checking-

\$ 425.00

Savings-

5446.33

Total-

\$5871.33

# Membership-

We received three new memberships this month. Welcome to Kathleen & Karl Shaw, Kathleen & Daniel Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. B. Tolbert. Six members renewed this month. Twelve members were dropped for lack of dues. Total paid and honorary household memberships is currently 131.

# Publicity-

Dave W. sent a fax to the local newspapers regarding our Jan. 9th hike at Webster Park.

Douglas suggested that we could get our message on access cable channel 12 in the Finger Lakes and channel 14 in Rochester.

# Historian-

Dave submitted newspaper clippings on our Dec. hike, our Jan. hike, Victor's Vision, Downtown Victor Revitalization plan and Ganondagan.

#### Education-

No report.

#### Newsletter-

The deadline to submit articles to Dave W. is Mar. 1st. If anyone has information

on spring themes such as wildflowers, birds, area trails, etc., please notify Dave W. Larry will submit the weekly maintenance schedule. Dave C. mentioned there is a sign in Powde: Mills Park pointing the way to a daffodill garden that blooms around May 1st. We will have information on our upcoming hikes, including National Trails Day in June. We will also include our planned goals for 1999.

#### Trailmaster-

Carol and Larry were going to talk to Frank Tambe about our possible trail easement on Willowbrook Rd., but he was unavailable. They will try later in the spring.

Carol talked to the Simonds on Dryer Road to see if we could continue our trail on their property. They agreed to let us use it until spring. Dave W. put up additional trail markers so hikers would not confuse their backyard with the trail. We will need to find an alternate route by May. A possible solution is to follow Great Brook to the RG&E property on the corner of Maple and Dryer, then follow Maple south for approximately 100 yards until we reach Ganondagan's property.

Douglas mentioned that the Defilice property on Rt. 96, where the water park was planned, has been sold to Benderson. Carol will check with the Town so we can have our Seneca Trail on that piece of property made into a trail easement.

#### Trail Boss-

Chauncy noted that Monroe County has installed new signs on the Lehigh where it crosses Mile Square Road and also Rt. 251.

Larry, Dave C., Jeff Hennick and Dave W. met at Interchange Heights on Nov. 27th to determine where the Tambe section of the Seneca Trail could go. They tagged a possible route, to be OK'ed by Frank Tambe. They also tagged the trail on Interchange Heights from Tambe's to the woods and through the woods to the beginning of Ambush Valley. Dave came back later and installed red metal signs where possible, including the section between Interchange Heights and Rt. 96 at Rt. 251.

Larry and Dave met with Peter Fabbio at the Monkey Run trailhead on Nov. 24th. Peter showed them a plan for developing 40 acres for single homes. It shows two cul-de-sacs; one off of Valentown Road and one off of Victor-Egypt Rd. Approximately 13 acres could be donated to the town as a conservation easement. Our trail would be relocated approximately 250 feet to the north. The red trail and some of the white trail would be left in tack. Additional trails near White Brook and the pond could be constructed. The interpretative nature guide and our map would have to be modified. Peter said he hopes to get started this spring. Douglas suggested that we should ask if the cut trees could be chipped for trail treadway.

Larry and Dave W. met with Mike Dittman at the Seneca Trail on Dryer Rd. on Nov. 25th. Mike works for a local landscaping business and has experience building trails and bridges. He would like to help us with the design of a bridge over Great Brook.

Dr. Cerelli's property near Break Of Day Rd. was posted by David Riedman, who used to own the property. Dave W. put up white metal tags on the recently rerouted section. The two creeks are presently passible by stepping on stones, but spring flooding will require a bridge of some sort.

Last hike-

We had 7 hikers and 2 dogs who took time out from their busy Christmas shopping schedule to enjoy a beautiful morning hike at Royal Coach Trail in Pittsford led by Rich and Sue Freeman. We found the remains of an old maple sugar shack in the woods that had been burned by local Native Americans in †810. Four of the hikers followed up with a short walk through Mendon Ponds Park.

Old Business-

None.

New Business-

The following dates have been approved for meetings in 1999:

Jan. 28 Feb. 25 Mar. 25 Apr. 22 May 27 Jun. 24 Jul. 22 Aug. 26 Sept. 23 Oct. 28 Nov. 18 Dec. 16

A proposed list of goals was briefly discussed (copy included). It was agreed to

review and vote on this at next month's meeting.

The Bergen Swamp Preservation Society is selling calendars featuring color photos of rare orchids and other wild plants found in the swamp. The price for one is \$9.95. Call 442-9267 to order. Also available at Borders Books in Henrietta.

We sold two tee-shirts and several books this month.

Dave W. received a call from a hiker who noticed a black smelly ooze on the Auburn Trail at Phillips Rd. Dave reported the problem to the Town Code Enforcement Officer who called back to say it was a sewer overflow that has been reported to the Town of Farmington. There is a pumping station on Phillips Rd. that sends the sewage to Farmington.

Dave W. secured a special permit for a hike and party on New Years' eve at Boughton Park. Meet at the Boughton Rd. parking lot at 10:30 p.m. on Dec 31st. We will hike down the service road to the picnic area (about one mile) for a midnight campfire. Bring some food to pass and your own drinks. Pray for good weather and a clear night. It will be a Blue moon, but bring your flash light just in case it gets cloudy.

Dave Shaffer from Crescent Trails called expressing a desire to have a hike in March from Powder Mills Park to the Auburn Trail. He asked if it was still possible to get through Barony Woods. Dave W. asked him to call Carol as she and Chauncy were recently trying to find a trail in that area as well.

The Empire State Task Force for Land and Water Conservation Funding is holding a summit meeting on Jan. 20, 1999 in Albany to try to encourage the federal government to restore the Land and Water Conservation Fund. If anyone is interested in attending, please call Dave W.

The Greenspace magazine had an article about Ontario Pathways' Halloween

Hike. They had 850 people attend and cleared \$950 profit.

Trail Works Inc. has a meeting on Jan. 26th at 7 p.m. at Sodus Central High School, Room 145, Mill St., Sodus. They are working on their first trail, from Marion to

Newark. They are producing a 10 minute video for Channel 12. March 12th will be their annual meeting with special guest speaker Craig Della Penna from the Rails-To-Trails Conservancy. It will be held at the Quality Inn in Newark.

Dave W. attended a Downtown Wictor Revitalization public information workshop on Dec. 7th. The main discussion was how to promote Victor and how to solve the traffic problem.

Macedon Trails now has a web page:

www.servtech.com/public/rbs/macedon.htm

Holiday cards/letters were received from Marcia Bryan, Betsy Russell and the Freemans. Marcia has invited us to the Adirondacks for either the spring or fall or both.

Mike Nozzolio sent a letter mentioning all the funding he helped to secure for

the Town and Village of Victor.

Aldridge Heights is a planned development on Victor-Egypt Rd. just north of the Thruway and opposite Aldridge Rd. It calls for 108 homes on 110 acres, 60 of which would be donated to the town for conservation easement and play fields. Average lot size would be 1/2 acre.

If you think you lost some money on one of our trails, call Jean Krym at 924-2528 to identify when, where and how much.

Next Hike-

Sat. Jan. 9th at Webster Park. Bring cross country skis if there is snow. Dave W. will lead this hike. Meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m.

We will postpone our annual organizational meeting/breakfast from Jan. 9th to Feb. 13th, due to many conflicts.

Next Meeting-

Thursday, Jan. 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Typed from notes taken by Dave Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Wright

# Upcoming Events

Dec. 31	10:30 p.m.	New Years' Eve Hike and Party at Boughton Park.
Jan. 9	9 a.m.	Hike or ski Webster Park
Jan. 28	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Feb. 13	7:30 a.m.	Annual organizational meeting/breakfast
Feb. 13	9 a.m.	Hike or ski Webster Park
Feb. 25	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Mar. 13	9 a.m.	Hike or ski Still Woods
Mar. 25	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Apr. 10	9 a.m.	Hike or ski Boughton Park
Apr. 22	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
May 8	9 a.m.	Hike Chimney Bluffs
May 27	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Jun. 5	9 a.m.	National Trails Day. Hike Seneca Trail
Jun. 12	9 a.m.	Bike Auburn and Lehigh Trails to Mendon
Jun. 24	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Jul. 10	9 a.m.	Hike Dish Mill Creek at Letchworth
Jul. 22	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Aug. 14	9 a.m.	Hike Genesee Gorge/Seneca Park
Aug. 26	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Sep. 4	7:30 p.m.	Hike Bare Hill, Ring of Fire
Sep. 11	8:00 a.m.	Hang Around Victor Day
Sep. 23	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Oct. 9	9 a.m.	Hike from Ontario Co. Park to Camp Cutler
Oct. 28	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Nov. 13	9 a.m.	Hike Mendon Ponds Park
Nov. 18	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting
Dec. 11	9 a.m.	Hike Canadice Trail
Dec. 16	7:30 p.m.	Monthly meeting and Holiday Party
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# **GOALS FOR 1999**

# TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook Rd.

Possible reroute of Seneca at Dryer.

Fort Hill to McCarthy Park.

Ganondagan to Fort Hill.

Auburn to Powder Mills Park.

Royal View Heights to Auburn or Powder Mills Park.

Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy-delay until 2000.

Gancadagan to Boughton Park.

#### TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Bridge repair in Fishers. Auburn Trail-

Build bridge or stepping stones over creeks at Break of Day Rd.

Add sign at Farmington line.

Add "NO WHEELED VEHICLES" signs between Break Of Day & E. Victor Rds.

Trail to by-pass Victor Insulator- delay until 2000. Town Highway Dept to complete base and compact.

Lehigh-Paint gates.

Add sign at town line.

Create path to Auburn.

Consider decking over RR bridge in 1999.

Bridge over Great Brook by Dryer Road. Seneca Trail-

New path on Interchange Heights

Additional boardwalk through wetlands to old house.

Blaze entire length- Rich & Sue Freeman.

Monkey Run-

Move entrance and reroute some paths.

Update signs.

MaryFrances Bluebird- Keep trail cleared. Work with Town.

Royal View Heights- Keep trail cleared.

Pipers-

Signs needed at road, mark trail.

Willow Brook Estates- Mark trail. Connect to Seneca.

Signs-

Review need for signs at road crossings for traffic. Add stop signs to gates.

Equipment-

Review needs for 1999.

### ADOPT A TRAIL

Auburn from Brace Rd. to East Victor Rd.

Seneca trail from golf range to Auburn Trail.

Lehigh sections.

Royal View Heights.

Pipers.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Increase by twenty (20) percent.

# **FUND RAISERS**

History book sale- continue.

Hike book sale- continue.

Hang Around Victor Day- Sept. 11.

Consider Village Historical walk, History Week in Oct.

Corporate donations of materials with recognition (plaque).

# **EDUCATION**

National Trails Day- June 5.

Redo the nature booklet for Monkey Run.

Arrange guided hikes on Nature trail at Monkey Run.

Create history trail guide.

Town and VHT Newsletters.

Guided Hikes.

Slide Show.

Video Show.

## **HISTORY**

Scrap book.

# **PUBLICITY**

Local Newspapers.

Membership Brochure.

Victor Town Newsletter- bi-yearly.

Our Newsletter- quarterly.

Other Hiking Associations through our newsletter.

Other Outdoor Clubs through our newsletter.



