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**Jan.27, 2000
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM with 7 attending:

Dave Wright Chauncy Young Carol MacInnes Larry Fisher
Ruth Nellis Claire Silvernail Charlene Berry-Pickering

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Dec:	CD	\$2075.66
	Checking account	559.39
	Savings account	2476.42
	Total	5111.40

The annual audit will take place immediately after the Feb. meeting.

The CD, in the amount of \$2,000, will be rolled over with the interest, \$75.66, being placed in the savings account.

Membership:

Welcome to Barb Etzel & Paul O'Alessander, Judith McMillan and Claire Silvernail. 6 renewals were received and Charlene Berry-Pickering was added to our mailing list. Current household membership is 138.

Publicity:

Dave sent faxes to the local papers regarding our upcoming Feb. hike at Webster Park.

Historian:

Dave W. submitted articles on our Feb. hike, the reconstruction of rte. 96 and on our new Parks and Recreation Director, Charlene Berry-Pickering.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

Sue Freeman has submitted a story about she and Rich. Sue or Rich will also interview Charlene for a feature story. If anyone has suggestions for the Spring issue, call Dave W. by Feb. 25. Suggestions offered at the meeting include National Trails Day and weed and wildflower identification.

Trailmaster:

Carol, Dave W., Dave Schaffer (Crescent Trails) and Karen Crandall (Perinton Conservation Bd.) hiked from the Valentown Museum to the Crescent Trail through Kesel's and Pickering's properties looking for a connection between Victor and Perinton. They have a good plan. Carol needs to talk to the land owners.

The preliminary plans for the Drumlin apartments show a hiking trail around the perimeter.

The Neubert land (one acre) on Plastermill Rd. has been accepted by the town as a wildlife habitat with a scenic vista. Joan A. Neubert made the donation.

The Town has been asked if it would like to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the Fishers Park on Wangum Rd.. There will be a public hearing at the Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 14, 7:30PM.

Charlene Berry-Pickering:

Charlene is thrilled with her appointment to Parks and Recreation Director of Victor. She comes to our area with a diverse background in both recreation and the outdoors. Charlene supports the efforts of VHT. Currently, with the help of the town, she is looking into getting office space in the former Victor Jr. High. She has invited landscape architects to offer suggestions for the Dryer Rd. park; a state grant is being used to develop lacrosse fields. To reach Charlene, call 721-8465, her cell phone.

Trail Boss:

Larry will try to reach Debbie Wegman regarding the RG&E property on Dryer Rd.

John McVay is getting prices on materials from Victor Coal and Lumber. He must have his proposal approved by the District Advancement Chairman and should begin the end of March, beginning of April.

Last Hike:

There were approximately 10 hikers who enjoyed the sunny day in the Genesee County Park. They had lunch in the new Visitor's Center and returned to Victor around 2:30 PM.

Old Business:

On Sat. Jan. 8th, 7 members attended the annual breakfast kick-off meeting at Brenda's Restaurant.

New Business:

Dave W. received a brochure of the NY State Biking and Hiking in the Finger Lakes Region. It includes Monkey Run Trails, Auburn, Lehigh and Seneca Trails. He also has a Wayne County Travel Guide and an ADK Genesee Valley Chapter brochure.

Crescent Trails has updated their master plan and map. It includes a proposed connection from their conceptual southeast loop of the Crescent Trail to the northern terminus of our Seneca Trail at Valentown Museum. Dave W. has an application for a Community Millennium Trail. It is recommended that we submit the Seneca Trail as a candidate because of its historical significance and because we are planning to hike it on June 3, 2000, National Trails Day.

Dave W. sent a thank-you letter on behalf of VHT to the town to give to Alice Hunt at her retirement party on Jan. 14.

A letter was sent to the Town Clerk asking permission to meet at the Town Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month, except Nov. and Dec. when the third Thursday was requested. We will continue to meet in the main room at 7:30PM.

April 22 is Earth Day. We should try to plan a special trail cleaning sweep.

The next BPAC meeting is Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000. Dave W. is planning to attend.
The county has aerial photos that can be tied into the GIS. The cost to Victor for the full complement would be \$10,000. The town is considering a purchase.

Paul Lytle is chairman of the ZBA.

Chris Hart is Chairman of the Planning Board.

Bernie McCarthy is Chairman of the Conservation Board.

Marge Elder was appointed to the Conservation Board.

Charlene Berry-Pickering is Director of Parks&Recreation.

Dick Bottorf is Chairman of the Growth Management Committee.

Dave W. was asked to be on an advisory committee to the Victor Historical Society to make recommendations regarding the Zoe Smith property on the corner of High St. and rte. 96 across from Pizzeria Uno. More meetings will be held before recommendations are made.

The Town has paid the premium for our special insurance rider. Dave W. has the policy.

The NYS Canal's Cruise and Trail Trek is scheduled for July 7 – 23, 2000. For details, call 1-800-4CANAL or visit their website at www.canals.state.ny.us

Maps a la Carte has topo maps of the entire US. Check out their website at www.topozone.com

Next Hike:

Sat., Feb. 12, Webster Park. Hike or ski depending on the weather. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM. Bring a lunch and water.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Feb. 24, 2000.

Adjournment: 9:14PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Feb. 12	Hike or cross country ski Webster Park
Feb. 24	Monthly meeting, Town Hall 7:30PM
Mar 11	Hike or cross country ski Oatka Park
Apr 8	Hike Powder Mills Park to the Daffodil field in Pittsford
May 13	Hike Spring Farm in Newark
June 3	National Trail Day. Hike the Seneca from Ganondagan to Valentown.
June 10	Hike Urbana State Forest
July 8	Gully hike Tanner and Grimes Glens in Naples
Aug. 12	Hike Howland Island (Montezuma Refuge)
Sept. 2	Canadaigua Lake "Ring of Fire" celebration
Sept. 9	Booth at Hang Around Victor Day. History walk. Millennium celebration.
Oct. 14	Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11	Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9	Hike Durand Eastman Park

"Much sleet in winter will be followed by a good fruit year." From Yankee Weather Proverbs