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**May 24, 2000
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher	John McVay
Ruth Nellis	David Coleman	Chauncy Young	Douglas Fisher
Norm Smith	Roberta Lockwood		

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Mar.:	CD	\$2089.11
	Checking account	262.32
	Savings account	2294.28
	Total	4645.71

Dave requested a check to cover the cost of 200 \$.33 stamps for the newsletter.

Membership:

There were 2 renewals and no new members. Five members were dropped because of not paying dues. One trail grantor was dropped because the trail was moved. The total is now 141 households.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our upcoming hike on National Trails Day, June 3 and our regular monthly hike on June 10. The phone line has been updated.

John McVay:

John, along with 17 other scouts and 6 adults, completed 160 feet of pressure-treated boardwalk on April 30, 2000, along the Seneca Trail behind the golf driving range off rte. 251. Dave checked into having a plaque placed at this site. Brass would weather or turn green. Bronze would cost approximately \$100.00. Laminated plastic was recommended with a cost of about \$21. Dave is having two aluminum photo-etched plates made for the dedication on June 3. We will see how they hold up.

Historian:

Dave C. submitted articles on up-coming hikes and the Greenway.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The next issue will be mailed May 27, 2000. The fall newsletter will be mailed Sept. 1 with a deadline of Aug 25. Ideas for articles currently include: Hang Around Victor Day; update on Monkey Run; favorite fall hikes.

The Town newsletter was mailed to all residents. Fill out and return the postcard asking for your opinion on what areas in Victor should be saved from development. The next Town newsletter will be mailed in November. We will submit an article on Eagle projects and our new trails.

Trailmaster:

On May 2, Carol and Dave W. walked the conservation /trail easement at the Hamptons and Wiley Estates on Gillis Rd.. This is a great area with a large pond and includes the edge of "100 Acre Woods". We need to blaze the trail and mow the deep grass.

On May 3, Dave W. again walked Paul Bishop's property next to Village on the Park on Victor – Egypt Rd., just north of the Thruway. This time, Jane Luce and Ernie Ackerman (developer for Village on the Park) accompanied Paul through the wetland. They went all the way to the north property, then west onto the Village property. We have an opportunity to develop trails through the wooded area near the pond/wet area.

On May 9, Carol and Dave W. walked from County Rd. 41 at School St. to Boughton Park. This could be a possible trail from Ganondagan to Boughton Park, following Great Brook. Permission from the State and a few private landowners are needed.

On May 20, Carol and Ruth visited Dale and Pam Weaver (former Reh's property, corner of rte. 444 and Dryer Rd.). Under consideration is the use of a strip of state land (the ridge which parallels rte.444) bordering their property, for a trail connecting Ganondagan and RG&E property. Additional information: the Weavers own both parcels of land north and south of Dryer Rd. which were formerly owned by the Rehs.

On May 23, Carol and Dave W. walked the trails in Bently Woods with Bill Patterson from the Nature Conservancy. He was receptive to our having a trail on the property, but he needs to talk to the neighboring residents first. If we get permission, we will develop a loop trail on the property and pursue a through trail from the Auburn to Royal View Heights.

Trail Boss:

The new bridge over Great Brook suffered from the torrential rains on May 12. The east gabbion and bank were undermined, causing that end of the bridge to drop about a foot. We will need to jack up the bridge and add a 6-foot extension to the east end.

The next work party at Mickey Finn's will be June 17, 9AM and July 1, 9AM to noon.

Due to the work on rte. 96, the trail sign across from rte. 251 had to be temporarily moved. The Sheriff will be called regarding our hike along the Seneca on June 3.

Check the trail maintenance schedule. Larry will be on vacation June 3-19.

Last Hike:

13 hikers showed up for the May 13th hike at Spring Farm. Rain held off. Spring flowers were still visible and the creek was full.

On April 28-30, nine VHTers hiked in the Adirondacks with Marcia Bryan. On Friday, the rookery with Great Blue Heron and Osprey were observed. 10 hiked Pitchoff on Saturday, and 8 climbed Chimney Mt. on Sunday.

Old Business:

Jack Richter sent a letter to Nancy Young on May 11 letting her know that the Town is interested in negotiating a price for the land.

Kotz and Associates engineering firm is recommending that a complete plan be developed for the Dryer Rd. Park so bids can be let on Jan 1, 2001, for construction beginning in spring.

We need a list of all past Eagle projects so plaques can be made. Larry will check his records for names and dates.

Regarding the Auburn Trail at Break of Day Rd., Victor Hills Golf is working with the land owner, Dr. Cerelli, and the Town attorney, Jeff Morris, to get the correct wording for our trail easement.

Jack Richter received a letter from the state letting us know that our TEA-21 grant application was not awarded. They recommended that we resubmit when the next round is open.

New Business:

The Finger Lakes Land Trust will be dedicating the Wesley Hill Preserve next to Brigg's Gully on the east side of Honeoye Lake on Sat., June 10, 1-4PM. Peter Jemison and Sheldon Fisher will be speakers. There will be guided hikes and refreshments after the ceremony. Dave W. will be going from our morning hike at Urbana State Forest to the dedication. Anyone interested can ride with him.

Dave has a paper on different types of trail surfaces, advantages and disadvantages.

He also has a paper on rails-trails and liability.

Dave received National Trails Day brochures and American Hiker newspaper. Our hike on June 3 is listed in the paper.

On May 1 and 15, Dave W. attended the Village Trustee meeting. They reported that the archeological study was completed on the park property, east of the former library and south of Main St., and work can continue. Jim Abraham, Village Public Works Director, asked if he could get a key for the RG&E locks on the gates next to the Village garage. Dave W. suggested that the Village add their lock in series with the RG&E lock. The Village picked up the brush by Mickey Finn's. Dave thanked Jim and told him we would be working there again in the near future.

Charlene Berry-Pickering took the civil service exam for Parks and Recreation Director and scored #1. The Town Board changed her status from provisional to probationary. Congratulations Charlene!

Mark Rugaber was appointed to the Conservation Board.

On May 9, there was a public hearing scoping meeting for Victor Commerce Park regarding the proposed Wal-Mart. At least 12 people spoke against the project. No one spoke in favor of it.

Springdale (Monkey Run) will start building a model home on Victor-Egypt Rd..

Next Hike: Sat., June 3 – National Trails Day hike Seneca Trail (from Ganondagan to Valentown Museum). Car pool from Valentown/meet at Ganondagan at 9:00AM, bring drink and lunch.

Sat., June 10 – hike Urbana State Forest, meet 9AM at Town Hall. Bring drink and lunch. Dave W. will be driving from Urbana to the Wesley Hill Preserve dedication.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., June 22, 2000.

Adjournment: 9:18PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

June 3	9AM	National Trail Day. Hike the Seneca from Ganondagan to Valentown.
June 10	9AM	Hike Urbana State Forest
	1PM	Dedication of Wesley Hill Preserve
June 17	9AM	Work party at Mickey Finn's
July 1	9AM	Work party at Mickey Finn's
July 8	9AM	Gully hike Tannery and Grimes Glens in Naples
Aug. 12	9AM	Hike Howland Island (Montezuma Refuge)
Sept. 2	7PM	Canandaigua Lake "Ring of Fire" celebration
Sept. 9	8AM	Booth at Hang Around Victor Day. History walk. Millennium celebration.
Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1		Fall hike in the Adirondacks.
Oct. 14	9AM	Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11	9AM	Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9	9AM	Hike Durand Eastman Park

"When the moon changes on Saturday, expect foul weather." From Yankee Weather Proverbs

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