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August 24, 2000
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with 7 attending:

Dave Wright Larry Fisher Roberta Lockwood Carol MacInnes
David Coleman Jeff Hennick Norm Smith

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

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| July: | CD | \$2089.11 |
| | Checking account | 522.20 |
| | Savings account | 1599.39 |
| | Total | 4210.70 |

Dave W. wrote a special thank you letter to Canandaigua National Bank for their \$250.00 donation made on 7/28/00.

Membership:

There were 2 new memberships: welcome to Toni Chesworth of Rochester and Bob & Janice Kelly of Victor. One member renewed. The total is now 146 households.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our Sept. 2 hike. The phone line has been updated.

Historian:

Articles on the following were submitted: our Aug 12th hike, the group (225 people) bike ride on the Erie Canal, land in Brighton donated to be a park, destinations on the Appalachian Trail, \$500,000 grant by the state to Lagoon Lake, Messenger story about the Seneca Trail, emergency regulations in High Peaks area of the Adirondacks to limit overuse.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

Dave passed around the rough draft, to be completed and mailed by Sept. 1.

The Town newsletter will be sent in November. VHT will focus on the many Eagle Scout projects.

Trailmaster:

We still need to cut a trail on the Weavers' property along rte.444.

Kesel property- no further word. This land could provide a trail link between Valentown and Perinton.

Bill Patterson of The Nature Conservancy called Carol regarding Bentley Woods Preserve. He said that Marie Herkins, a neighbor of the land, is still not comfortable with promoting it for hiking. She is concerned about motorized bikes and kids using the trails. Bill is considering the Fishers Road as the entrance, not allowing any signs or advertising promoting the trails. Keep it a secret from the general public. He will get back to Carol by the end of Sept.

Amy Amish is working on updating our brochure and hopes to have it back from the printer before Hang Around Victor Day.

Trail Boss:

Larry would like to repair the bridge over Great Brook on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9:00 am. If you can help, meet at the RG&E substation parking lot on Dryer Road near Maple Ave.

There is only one more month of trail maintenance left. Check the schedule or call Larry at 924-5803 for time and location. If you know of a trail that needs work, call Larry.

Dave W. asked the Town Highway with help in cutting the heavy weeds on the Auburn near Phillips Rd.

Steve Kosko's eagle project is complete. Nice bridge and boardwalk Steve. Please thank all of your helpers, especially your dad.

The Sears lawnmower will need some repairs at the end of the season. Larry and Dave will take it to the repair shop on Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road. We have a 3-year maintenance agreement on it.

Last Hikes:

8 people hiked Howland Island on a cool, misty morning. After crossing the Erie Canal on an old bridge, the trails are mostly old farm roads. They take you through cornfields and woods, around man-made ponds and up and down gentle slopes. We paused for lunch, but the mosquitoes ate us faster than we could down our sandwiches.

Old Business:

Reminder- Fall Adirondack Hike is scheduled for September 29, 30 and October 1. Call Dave W. (924-3709) to sign up. Marcia has space; first call, first reserved.

Hang Around Victor Day is Saturday Sept. 9. Rich and Sue Freeman offered use of their 10' x 10' tent and they will man our booth from 8 am to noon. Larry Fisher will help with setup. Norm Smith and Carol MacInnes will man the booth from noon to 2:00 pm. Roberta will be there from 2 to 4 pm. We still need volunteers from 2 to 4 pm and for teardown. If you can help, please call Dave Wright at 924-3709. Dick Ryon is making some bluebird houses for us. Attached to these minutes are plans for bird, bat and butterfly houses. If you can make one for sale at our booth, it would be most appreciated. Also, bird feeders are appropriate.

New Business:

There is a new proposed residential project called Belleville located on the east side of Lynaugh Rd., just south of the new golf course (Ravenwood). The preliminary site plan shows 76 homes on 76 acres with 50% open space and opportunities for trails. Seven of the 21 acres of woods will need to be cut down.

A new building is proposed on the corner of Rte. 251 and Old Dutch Rd. The site plan shows a trail easement within the 100' buffer between the building and the residents in Mendon. The trail would go from the edge of Rte. 251 north to the Lehigh Trail. It would provide the employees and residents with another access to the Lehigh.

Park Crescent Adult Assisted Living facility is proposed on High Street, just north of the water tower. 50% of almost 200 acres will be kept as open space. A large part of that will probably be the wetland located east of the water tower and next to "100 Acre Woods". This could give us another access to the woods and connect to Gillis Road. It is also close to the trail easement along the eastside of the Thruway that runs from High Street to Willowbrook Rd. and connects to the Seneca Trail.

We have a 3000-foot trail easement at Boughton Heights. It starts on Malone Rd. just south of Boughton Hill Rd. and runs due west for about 1300 feet. It then turns due north and runs out to Boughton Hill Rd., a distance of about 1700 feet. The easement was granted to the Town in 1995. We need to schedule a walk in the late fall to see if we want to maintain this trail and what it will connect to in the future. It is fairly close to Fort Hill and the gravel pits.

Dave W. has additional brochures from surrounding counties showing their trails and points of interest.

Dave W. has maps of Greece Canal Park and Durand Eastman Park. He will use them for our upcoming Saturday hikes.

Dave W. had the VHT logo embroidered on a polo shirt. We can get additional shirts or hats done. If you are interested, call Dave for prices.

Next Hike:

Sept. 2 – Bare Hill "Ring of Fire" celebration. Meet 7 PM at the Town Hall. Bring a snack, drink and something to sit on if you wish. We will return to Victor by 10:30 pm.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Sept. 28, 2000, Town Hall, main room.

Adjournment: 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Wright

VHT CALENDAR

Sept. 2 7PM Canandaigua Lake "Ring of Fire" celebration
Sept. 9 8AM Booth at Hang Around Victor Day. History walk. Millennium celebration.
Sept. 28 7:30PM Monthly meeting. Town Hall main room
Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1 Fall hike in the Adirondacks. Call Dave W. 924-3709 to signup.
Oct. 7 9AM Repair the bridge over Great Brook on Dryer Rd at Maple Ave.
Oct. 14 9AM Hike at Taughannock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11 9AM Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9 9AM Hike Durand Eastman Park

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