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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 8 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	John McVay	Norm Smith
David Coleman	Chauncy Young	Jeff Hennick	Carol MacInnes

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Sept.	CD	\$2089.11
	Checking account	591.76
	Savings account	<u>1606.48</u>
	Total	4287.35

Chauncy needs to correct the CD.

Membership:

There were 2 new members: Welcome to Thomas & Maria Basciani and Gary & Carol Goodno, both from Victor. We also had 2 renewals. The total is now 145 households.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our Dec. 9th hike at Durand Eastman Park.

Historian:

An article on our hike at Greece Canal Park was submitted.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The Town newsletter was mailed November 1. We had a full page and three-quarters of news. We received a few calls for Lewis' history book, bat houses, birdhouses and memberships. We currently have orders for 9 bat houses, 10 butterfly houses and 4 bluebird houses. Chauncy will make 10 bat houses, Dave W. made 12 butterfly houses and we have enough bird houses left over from Hang Around Victor Day. Two birdhouses were sold and delivered on 11-8-00 by Dave W.

The VHT Pathfinder will be mailed Dec. 1, 2000. Dave W. passed around the rough draft. Just needs the schedule for hikes in Jan. and Feb.

Trailmaster:

Carol visited Penfield Trails Advisory Committee at one of their meetings. They wanted to know how we acquire permissions for hiking trails. They had a lot of questions for Carol regarding our operation.

Carol now has a copy of the revocable permit that we had on file for Victor and Marie Parmenter of Dryer Rd. so she can call on Kevin and Cathleen Archibald of 7147 Wildwood Lane, the new owners of 22 acres of land. She will see if they will allow our trail to remain on their property.

Trail Boss:

The Great Brook Bridge by Dryer Rd. has been lengthened. It needs to be secured at one end so we don't lose it during the "big flood".

The path from Dryer Rd. to the Weaver's driveway along rte. 444 is completely cleared and marked. Needs our large yellow signs and both ends.

Monkey Run from Valentown Rd. to the pond has been mowed and marked.

The trail parallel to Victor-Egypt Rd. at Mary Frances Bluebird Haven has been mowed and marked. It is now 100 feet from the edge of the road.

Auburn Golf Driving Range path through the field was not mowed so it should be one of the first on the list for the spring mowing.

Ganondagan staff mowed Ganondagan from rte 444 in to the woods.

Larry will take the mower to Sears for repair and sharpening. The hedge trimmers and Billy Goat blade will get sharpened also. Larry will winterize the equipment.

Last Hike:

10 hikers enjoyed the cool and misty morning at Greece Canal Park. They hiked to the Erie Canal and back to the parking lot in about 1.5 hours. After eating lunch in the woods they hiked for another hour on the interesting farm artifact trail. The group was back in Victor by 2 pm.

Old Business:

The Town is still working to purchase the Young property on Old Dutch Rd.

A presentation on the Dryer Rd. Park was made to the Town Board on 11-13-00. The plans include a trail from the park to Fort Hill on County Rd. 41 (Boughton Hill Rd.)

The Henry Hanson property on Rte. 251, across from the Auburn Golf Driving Range, will be getting a phase I environmental report next week. If everything looks OK, the donation of 44 acres to the town for parkland should happen before the end of the year.

Chancy attended the Trails Conference in Syracuse. He picked up a lot of useful information and will bring it next month. Rich and Sue Freeman also attended and passed on some literature, which was given to Carol M. to read.

The Drumlins project is back before the planning board with 154 townhomes. It still shows a trail around the property.

New Business:

The officers were nominated for election for 2001. The slate of officers was voted on and approved unanimously. The officers for 2001 will be: Chairman, Dave Wright; Vice Chairman, Norm Smith; Secretary, Ruth Nellis; Treasurer, Chauncy Young, Trailmaster, Carol MacInnes;

Trail Boss, Larry Fisher; Historian, Roberta Lockwood. Dave Coleman and Jeff Hennick were each appointed Assistant Trail Boss. Kathy Manners will be the Assistant Secretary. There are several other positions that need to be filled. If you would like to help, call 234-8226 and leave your name and phone number.

The following dates were approved for our monthly meetings at Victor Town Hall:

Jan 25	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 26	May 24	Jun 28
Jul 26	Aug 23	Sep 27	Oct 25	Nov 15	Dec 20

It was agreed to continue to have our monthly hikes on the second Saturday morning of the month and our regular trail maintenance on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 9 am, except when they conflict with our monthly meetings and hikes.

We decided on the following hikes for 2001:

Jan. 13	Black Creek Park, hike or cross-country ski
Feb. 10	South Perinton Trails, hike or cross-country ski
Mar. 10	Harriet Hollister Spencer State Rec. Area, hike or cross-country ski
Apr. 14	Chimney Bluffs spring flower walk
May 12	Bentley Woods spring walk
Jun 2	National Trails Day, Hanson Park trolley, Lehigh, Auburn hike

The rest of the year will be decided next month. Bring your ideas.

The Wednesday Hikers donated \$50.00 to VHT in honor of Marcia Bryan because she hosted the group last month. Dave W. sent a thank you letter to them and an acknowledgement letter to Marcia. Carol M. said that there was at least one more check coming.

Crescent Trails officially opened their White Brook Nature Center on Aldrich Rd. It has a general meeting room, small kitchen, storage area, and restrooms. It can accommodate up to 50 people.

Footprint press has a new map of Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Recreation Area showing new cross-country ski trails.

McDonald's would like to build a restaurant at the corner of Rte. 96 and High St., across from Pizzeria Uno. They do not have any plans for the cobblestone house.

There is grant money available from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to restore and preserve historic barns. Several residents in Victor are applying. The new owners of Dick and Peg Ryon's property on County Rd. 9 at Valentown Rd. asked us to write an endorsement. Dave W. took care of it.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29th, at 7:30 pm, Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator for the Landmark Society of Western NY, will give a presentation on Identifying and Protecting Your Community's Historic and Cultural Resources, at the Ontario County Safety Training Center, 2914 County Rd. 28, across from the County Complex in Hopewell.

Next Hike:

Durand Eastman Park – Dec. 9, 2000, 9 am at the Town Hall. Or meet at the golf parking lot on Kings Highway at 9:50 am.

Next Meeting: 3rd Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, 7:30 pm.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wright

VHT CALENDAR

Dec. 9	9 am	Hike Durand Eastman Park
Dec. 21	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting
Jan. 13	7:30 am	Kick-off breakfast, Brenda's Restaurant for all officers and spouses
Jan. 13	9 am	Hike or ski Black Creek Park
Jan. 25	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting
Feb. 10	9 am	Hike or ski South Perinton Trails
Feb. 22	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting
Mar. 10	9 am	Hike or ski Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Rec. Area
Mar. 22	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting
Apr. 14	9 am	Spring flower hike at Chimney Bluffs
Apr. 21	9 am	Trail sweep. Start of maintenance
Apr. 26	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting
May 12	9 am	Spring hike at Bentley Woods
June 2	9 am	National Trails Day, dedication of new park and hike trolley, Lehigh and Auburn loop trail
June 11	9 am	hike or bike ride
June 28	7:30 pm	Monthly meeting

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