

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Victor Town Hall**  
**June 28, 2001**

Called to order at 7:35 PM

**Attendees:** Dave Wright, David Coleman, Jeff Hennick, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Douglas Fisher, Roberta Lockwood

**Last Month's Minutes;** Addition- Carol and Ruth rec'd. permission from the Reardons (next to Golisanos) for trail easement. Next to contact will be the Massigs and Ramseys. Approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:**

C.D.	\$2563.30	Funds from Crew 215 placed in CD.
Checking	459.38	
Savings	3310.10	
Cash	<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$6332.78	

**Membership:** Welcome to Sue Dunn of Victor and Doug Marrett of Canandaigua. Also, there were ten renewals this month. Membership now totals 157 households.

**Publicity:** Dave sent faxes announcing the July 14<sup>th</sup> hike at Webster Park. Dave W. called Frontier regarding having our Voice Mail phone # listed. The fee would be \$7.95 vs. \$5.00 per month plus taxes. Motion made by Dave W. and seconded by Douglas to convert from a private to a business phone and have our phone number listed at next printing. APPROVED by unanimous vote. Douglas suggested inquiring about a free yellow page listing.

**Historian:** Many articles about the park dedication, hikes, trails in the area, etc.

**Education:** Ruth is planning to label trees, bushes, ferns and wildflowers on a nature trail. She will get with Larry soon. See Trail Boss, Eagle Project.

**Newsletter:** The summer issue was mailed May 30<sup>th</sup>. The next issue will go out Sept. 1. Deadline is Aug. 25 to submit articles. Topics could be fall hikes and camping, birds, mammals, trees, new trails and parks in Victor, the parks and trails master plans. Douglas suggested printing Sheldon's speech from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> dedication. It would need to be scanned. The Town newsletter will be sent in August.

**Trailmaster:** Ruth and Carol continue to try to catch up with the Massigs and Ramseys for permission for a trail easement to Powder Mills Park.

**Trail Boss:** Maintenance is on schedule. Had to work a couple of Sundays due to fast growth and weather. A new trail was marked and cleared at the entrance to the woods at Monkey Run. The developer, Peter Fabbio, suggested moving it a few feet to the north, closer to the property line and away from the back of the new houses. This will require some grading of the trail down to White Brook. A small footbridge will be needed across White Brook. The Valentown Rd. entrance was mowed.

Two signs were installed on the Weaver's property; one on Rt. 444 and one on Dryer Rd. Please report any problems.

Dave C. noted that there is a concrete power pole near the crossing of the trolley and the Lehigh. The town should consider placing it where it would be noticed by hikers. An appropriate sign would identify what it was used for.

**EAGLE PROJECT-** A scout (Zack Rheume) is interested in restoring the self-guided interpretive nature trail at Monkey Run. The project could include making signs for tree and plant identification, building a footbridge over White Brook and improving sections of the trail to make mowing easier. He will be back from summer camp at the end of August to start the project.

**Last Hike:** June 2 was the dedication of Lehigh Crossing Park and the official opening of another trail section of the Rochester and Eastern Rapid Railway (trolley). Approximately 35 people attended, even though the weather was threatening to rain. Dave W. led a group on a hike on the trails in the park. Dave C., Boulder, Norm Smith and Lorainne Attwood were photographed on the trail for the Sunday D&C. Thanks to Dave W., Dave C., Larry F., Chauncy Y., Roberta L., Carol M., Ruth N. and Norm Smith for helping. June 9<sup>th</sup> was the bike ride on the Ontario Pathways trail. 9 riders enjoyed a beautiful morning jaunt of 12 miles on old railbed.

**Old Business:** The Expo at Mendon Ponds Park was a great success. Over 450 people registered for seminars and at least another 150 people visited the various booths. VHT handed out over 100 maps, brochures and newsletters. Thanks to Dave W. Norm S. and Roberta L. for helping.

**REMINDER-** The Genesee Valley Hiking Club will hike the Seneca Trail from Ganondagan to Valentown on Sunday, August 26, beginning at 9 AM at the Fishers Firehouse II on High St. A short hike will begin at the firehouse at noon. A 1930's color movie of GVHC members will be shown at 2 PM. A potluck dinner will be served at the firehouse at 3 PM. Call Dave W. if you are planning to participate.

**TEA-21 GRANTS-** Jane Luce has suggested that the Town apply for acquisition of the RG&E Auburn Trail parcels. There will be a workshop on July 12 at the Perinton Community Center from 9:30 AM to noon, explaining the process and giving recommendations on how to apply for a grant. Jane is planning to attend and recommended that Charlene and Stu Brown (grants writer for the town) attend as well. Chauncy will try to attend for VHT. Selected projects will be awarded in June 2002.

**Victor Parks Master Plan-** Approximately 50 residents attended the workshop on June 12. This was a diverse group representing many of the organized youth groups (hockey, soccer, lacrosse, basketball) as well as individual sports and activities ( BMX, rollerblading, skateboarding, cross country running, hiking). The information will be used in developing the needs and priorities of the master plan.

Dave W. sent a thank you letter to the highway dept. (Ron Rader) for rolling the Auburn and Lehigh Trails.

Dave W. also sent a thank you letter to Jack Jones for the great article he wrote in the D&C on Victor hiking trails.

**New business:**

The Canal Society of NYS is hosting a three-day conference on Sept. 16, 17 and 18 in Syracuse. There will be canal tours, workshops and seminars. For more information, call 315-461-0068 or visit their website at [www.TheEventsCompany.com](http://www.TheEventsCompany.com).

The summer issue of *Family Safety & Health* has an article on safe camping and another on safe biking with the family.

Dave W. has some DEC brochures on Birds and Mammals of NYS.

Roberta suggested that a good way to share this info with the public and especially school children would be to build a kiosk at our trailheads with a protected display board. These would be good at Monkey Run, MaryFrances Blue Bird Haven, Fishers Park and Lehigh Crossing Park.

Next Hike: July 14 at Webster Park. Meet at Town Hall at 9 AM

Next meeting: Thursday, July 26 at 7:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
David A. Wright

**Calendar**

July 14	Hike Webster Park
July 26	monthly meeting
Aug. 11	Hike Stony Brook Park
Aug. 23	monthly meeting
Aug. 26	Hike the Seneca Trail with GVHC
Sept. 1	Hike Bare Hill, Ring of Fire. Meet at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
Sept. 8	Hang Around Victor Day
Sept. 27	monthly meeting
Oct. 6	Hike Wesley Hill Preserve
Oct. 12-14	Adirondack Fall Weekend
Oct. 25	monthly meeting
Nov. 10	Fishers Park
Nov. 15	monthly meeting
Dec. 8	Northampton, ski or hike
Dec. 20	monthly meeting and party