

Materials for the bridge over Great Brook have not been ordered yet. We have pictures of the bridges on the Seneca Trail in the wooded wetland by the Auburn Golf Driving Range, as well as detailed descriptions of the bridges. We also have photos of where we need either culvert or bridges. Larry will keep the folder.

Fall/winter projects- Ganondagan wet areas
Widen small bridge at Auburn Golf Driving Range
Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail
Widen small bridge on Seneca Trail by the old house
Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251
Wet areas in Fishers Park
Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park

Last Hike:

Jan 8- 5 hikers either skied or hiked the loop trail in Fishers. It was extremely cold, but they enjoyed the blue sky and no wind. After an extra loop at Fishers Park, they enjoyed hot chocolate and Chauncy's Healthy Bars at Chauncy's house.

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- Core Group will be meeting Friday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 PM at the Pittsford Town Hall to review public meeting and give Bergmann further direction.

Auburn TEP Grant- Core group will be meeting on Jan. 22 at town hall at 3 PM in preparation of next public meeting. Easement discussion with RG&E went well.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- Three grant applications were received. Forms are on line at www.grtcinc.org. VHT can still write an application to connect the Auburn to the Lehigh. They will consider grants on an ongoing basis.

GPS- The county unit needs repair. It may be months before we can collect the remaining data. Dave had maps of the trails that have been completed. There needs to be some adjustment to the Fishers Park Trails.

Fishers Park signs- Larry is working on a prototype, routing out a board for the aluminum plate. It will then be covered by Plexiglas.

Bridge Inventory- Has been started with the bridges on the Seneca. We will ask Joe Logan to inspect the bridges with us, when the weather is warmer.

Trail Hike Schedule for 2004-

Jan. Lehigh, Auburn loop

Feb. Harriet Hollister

Mar. Lehigh Trail in Henrietta

Apr. Auburn & Erie Canal. Brian's house

May Durand Eastman

Jun. **National Trails Day** Breakfast at fire house 2. Hike to Fishers.

June 12- Bike ride on Greenway from Scottsville to the south about 10 miles.

Jul. Conklin Gully

Aug. Grimes Glen and Tanner Glen
Sep. Hang Around Victor & hike a loop in the village
Oct. FLT through Hi Tor
Nov. Ellison Park
Dec. Cummings Nature Trail

New Brochure- Cost for printing 5000 4-color would be about \$400. Need to supply a pdf version to them. Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Ruth, to spend up to \$500 for the printing of 5000 copies. Carried.

New Business:

2004 Goals- Reviewed 2003 goals and established 2004 goals. See separate sheet.

Renew Trailer License- Chauncy has the renewal registration.

Ontario Pathways-Annual potluck dinner is Sunday Feb. 8th at Holiday Harbor Clubhouse on West Lake Rd in Canandaigua from 4 to 8 PM. Call Robin at 394-6822 for reservation.

Cross country ski outing on Saturday, March 6 at 10 AM at Ontario County Fairgrounds, County Road 10. Call Jennifer for details, 396-0276.

Bill Mathews, a dedicated trail worker, passed away.

GTC has completed the rough draft proposal for the Regional Trails Initiative- Phase 2 and is now conducting workshops at various rural locations. You can visit their website (www.gtcmpo.org) and review the proposed trails and submit comments.

NYS Wetlands Forum, Inc. will present the 2004 Annual Conference and Meeting on Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1 at the RIT Conference Center. The theme is "Restoring and Protecting the Health of New York State Great Lakes Wetlands".

Outdoor Winter Expo- ADK and Nordic Ski Club sponsoring at Mendon Ponds on Sunday Jan. 25th, 9 AM to 4 PM. Brian will take some VHT brochures.

Dorchester Subdivision- Brian brought site plans for our review of proposed trails and park land. Suggested that the trail go through the center of the neighborhood green instead of using the sidewalks.

Next Hike:

Feb. 14, 2004. Ski Harriet Hollister trails. Meet at Town Hall at 9 AM. Back by 2 PM. Bring bag lunch and drink.

Next Meeting:

Feb. 19, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wright

Schedule of Hikes and meetings for 2004- Clip and save

- Jan. 20- EPOD informational meeting at Town Hall at 7 PM**
- Jan. 22- Auburn Trail Improvements- Town Hall at 3 PM**
- Jan. 23- Auburn Priorities Trail- Pittsford Town Hall at 1:30 PM**
- Feb. 8- Ontario Pathways Potluck Dinner- Call 394-6822 for details.**
- Feb. 11- Second public informational meeting for the Auburn TEP project at Town Hall 3 to 8 PM**
- Feb 14- Hike or ski Harriet Hollister**
- Feb. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Mar. 6- Ontario Pathways x-ski outing. Call 396-0276 for details.**
- Mar. 13- Hike or ski the Lehigh Trail in Henrietta**
- Mar. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- April 10- Hike Auburn, Old Erie loop. Meet at town hall & car pool to Brian's.**
- April 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- May 8- Hike Durand Eastman Park.**
- May 20- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- May ?- Adirondack Spring Hike**
- June 5- National Trails Day. Hike the Seneca Trail from Firehouse 2 to Fisher**
- June 12- Bike ride on the Genesee Greenway**
- June 17- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- July 10- Creek walk at Conklin's Gully**
- July 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Aug. 14- Creek walk at Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully**
- Aug. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Sept. 4- Ring of Fire**
- Sept. 11- Hang Around Victor Day. Guided loop hike in Village.**
- Sept. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Sept. ?- Adirondack Fall hike**
- Oct. 9- Hike Finger Lakes Trail through Hi Tor**
- Oct. 14- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Nov. 13- Hike Ellison Park**
- Nov. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Dec. 11- Hike Cummings Nature Center**
- Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 15, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Carol Mac Innes, David Coleman, Brian Emelson, Ruth Nellis.

Last Month's Minutes: Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Carol and carried to approve minutes from Dec. 18, 2003 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Chauncy Young) for Oct.

CD	\$2511.71
Checking	\$2959.37
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total \$5471.08

Next month the audit committee (Larry, Carol and Ruth) will review 2003.

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month:	158
New members:	1
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	5
Dropped:	0
Current:	159

Publicity: (Dave Wright) Voice mail was updated. Newspapers have been notified by e-mail of Feb. 14th hike at Harriet Hollister.

Historian: Articles on: Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway received a \$5000.00 grant for the production of a brochure from HSBC Bank., The Olga Fleisher Ornithological Foundation Inc. Has started a fund-raising campaign to benefit educational programs at Huckleberry Swamp, a Wayne County nature preserve located on Catchpole Road in the Town of Rose.

Education: (Ruth Nellis) Dave W. has a report by Timothy J. Abel, Ph.D. on the archaeological assessment of the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. It was done as part of the Auburn Trail Improvements and Connections project. He will loan it to Ruth for ideas on signage along the trail.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) Next issue of the VHT Pathfinder will be mailed out first week in March. Deadline for articles will be Feb. 19th.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes) Nothing to report.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)