



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.
Meeting Minutes, June 23, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM. Chairperson Marcia Bryan asked for any revisions or additions to last month's minutes. Marcia noted two names were misspelled. Ten people were in attendance.

Treasurer, Allen Johnson reported that our bank account balance remains at \$304. He will pursue getting a checking account.

Carol MacInnes reported that she and Allen Johnson visited the Ryon's. Their property corners on Victor Egypt Rd and Valentown Rd. The Ryon's have agreed to allow us use of their trails as part of our hiking trail system. They also suggested that we use a portion of their land for a parking lot. Their preference is not to allow hunting or dumping (which is right in line with our intentions). They do want to continue using their trails for winter snowmobiling. Congratulations Carol and Allen and **Thanks to the Ryon's!** This is our first official trail land. Mr. Ryon said that a new person has purchased land across Victor Egypt Rd and intends to keep it forever wild. He also referred us to others in his snowmobiling group as possible sources of additional land.

The group held a discussion on the types of maps we need and possible sources. If it would be readable, we'd prefer a topographical map with property lines and owners names on it. Carol MacInnes agreed to check into the assessor's office, the county deeds office, and the county mapping office as possible sources.

Carol did call the Nature Conservancy but the person she needs to talk to is off on a wedding trip for several weeks.

Harry Lloyd reported that he has received the preliminary license and maps from RG&E (Jim McGuire) which will allow us to use the abandoned railway beds. The License costs \$1 and is good for 10 years. There are stipulations in the License which we need to meet. The most stringent is that we need to carry insurance. Harry has agreed to talk to Jane Luce about approaching the town board to see if we can be covered under the town's insurance. Other stipulations are that we must share our plans with RG&E and notify them 30 days before work commences. Harry will make copies of the license for distribution at our next meeting. Thanks Harry hopefully we'll have our second usable land soon!

Marcia Bryan reported that we are now officially incorporated in the state of New York. The incorporation will cost us approximately \$100. We also have an official "revokable permit". Alan Lockwood is working on a form which will allow us to accept charitable contributions (OK ...it's your time for glory who wants to be the first to contribute?) Allen Johnson (with the assistance of Ward Anderson) has agreed to investigate our IRS taxfree status, our tax exempt certification, and our not for profit mailing permit.

Marcia Bryan also reported that Mr. Metrose (of Wiley Estates) is enlarging his development plans

and may be willing to give us a parking lot. His new plans will be ready in mid-August. Bob Hoffman who is currently a consultant for the village is interested in joining VHT and wants to see a hiking trail through our village.

Our master plan committee has had one meeting and plans to meet again July 20 to consolidate ideas. They will bring a draft to our July 28 VHT meeting for everyone to review and comment on.

The June 13 hike did take place through the proposed Fishers Rd. subdivision. It ended up being a linear hike rather than a loop because one landowner would not give permission for a one time hike over their land.

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Marcia wrote an excellent letter to Mr. Longwell, the Fishers Rd. subdivision developer, asking him for inclusion of a foottrail easement. Dave Wright attended the Planning Board meeting where they were discussing this subdivision. It covers 44 acres, 23 of which is buildable. There will be a maximum of 19 lots. They may leave the Benson side as a conservation easement because of the steep terrain. The plans are being redrawn and the topic is on the agenda for the July 14 board meeting.

Marcia mentioned that she has a letter from the NY State Preservation league which may be a source of future funding for us if we're faced with preserving historic areas.

Ward Anderson suggested that we may want to pursue fund raising activities. Not for profit groups can have a free booth at the Lions Victor Car Show. Dave Wright and Ward Anderson agreed to coordinate a booth for Hang Around Victor Days. Harry Lloyd suggested the possibility of selling tree seedlings.

There will NOT be a hike on July 11. Our next meeting is July 28 at 7:30 PM in the Victor town hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Sue Freeman

Secretary