



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street * Victor * New York * 14564-1397

September 26, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Eleven (11) people were in attendance.

Lee Dey	Carol MacInnes	Jeff Hennick
Larry Fisher	Norm Smith	Chauncy Young
Dave Wright	Matt Bloss	Roberta Lockwood
Douglas Fisher	J. Sheldon Fisher	

Eagle Projects:

- **Matt Bloss**, Troop 469 in Fairport, updated us on the status of his project. Because of active beavers, he was forced to revise his project. He is rerouting part of the Seneca trail and building a foot bridge over a small creek. He has reviewed the new route and bridge design with Larry, Chauncy and Dave. He has approvals from scout leaders. He is organizing a trail clearing day on Saturday Sept. 28 and a bridge building day on Saturday Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Jeff Hultzapple**, Troop 86 in Fishers, is rerouting another part of this trail and will also be building a foot bridge. See Trailboss's report.

Valentown Museum:

Sheldon and Douglas Fisher updated us on the progress of the transactions to finance the museum. A man from Avon has purchased one parcel. A professional fund raising group and Canandaigua National Bank have set up a trust for the museum property. Final details are still being worked on. The public can now make tax deductible contributions to the museum.

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, Chauncy Young: \$6657.52 total assets to date.

Membership Report, Lee Dey:

- New members- Linda & Michael Burr, Penny & Brent Gnall, David Coleman, Marilyn & Larry Teel. **WELCOME!!!**
- Renewed- Larry & Carole Fisher, Lee Dey, Jeff Hennick, Ron & Jackie Morris, Jack & Sandy Maniloff. **THANKS!!!**
- Gave Welcome Wagon another 100 brochures.
- Total family/individual memberships to date including public relations- 137

Historian's Report, Roberta Lockwood:

- Articles are being put in three-ring binders. Categorized by topics.

- Additional newspaper articles submitted by Dave included proposed Fairport wetland nature site, walk at Hopkins Farm in Pittsford on Sept. 28, clearing trails on Ontario Pathways, Gov. Pataki on the Genesee Greenway land purchase.

Education Report, John Francis:

- John sent word that a hike was planned by the FLCC Horticulture and Conservation Depts. on Tuesday Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. through Bentley Woods. They will meet at the Holtz Farm on Log Cabin Rd. Carol said she will call John and join them in preparation for our hike on Oct. 12.
- John is working on articles about the beavers and local flora and fauna.

Adopt A Trail Report:

- Jack Clarcq has expressed an interest in adopting a trail. Dave suggested either the Ambush section of the Seneca Trail or the Auburn Trail from Maple Ave. to Brace Rd. Harry Lloyd will call Jack and ask him to decide which one he prefers.

Hang Around Victor Day Report, Dave Wright:

- We sold two history books, two patches, and four bird houses. Gave out the remaining whistles left over from last year. Handed out many brochures and maps. Thanks to Chauncy for making the bird houses. Thanks to Chauncy, Jeff Hennick, Harry Lloyd, Lee Dey, Carol Anderson, Norm Smith, John Francis and Carol MacInnes for tending our booth. We had a good day in spite of the heavy MIST.

History Book Sale, Larry Fisher:

- Turned in \$310.00 for sale of 20 books. Chauncy is sending a check to Lewis. Suggestion was made to send flyers to Welcome Wagon and Farmington-Victor Chamber of Commerce. Dave will follow up with Lee. Also we should include a clip & mail coupon in both newsletters.

Bridge Walk '96, Chauncy Young:

Only 19 walkers participated on Saturday morning. Several others hiked the trail earlier in the week. Total pledges from walkers was about \$200. More pledges and checks have been received from non-walkers. \$782 total received or pledged to date. Larry reported that logistics were very manageable. All walkers made the five mile trip. Jeff Hennick had an electronic camera and was putting photos of the hikers on our Internet page that morning. Check it out at <http://www.org/freenet/v/vht/>. Also check out <http://net2.netace.net/~rsb/ny/>. Committee decided to award patches, bandannas and water bottles as well as the shirts to the walkers, based on amount of money collected. Drinks, bagels and apples were served to the participants. Larry, Dave and Chauncy will get together and critique the results.

Adirondack Trip:

Dave, Larry and Jeff are definitely going. Chauncy is a maybe. Jackie and Ron Morris will probably meet us at Marcia's home.

ISTEA Grants, Larry Fisher:

- Auburn-

Getting quote from Sear-Brown through Brian Powers (a resident of Victor that Dave met while soliciting pledges for Bridge Walk). Need one more additional quote (a total of three) to satisfy DOT.

- **Lehigh-**

Chauncy is working with the Risk Management committee on a guideline standard for trail safety.

Larry is working with the sign committee on a logo and uniformity. They like our signs.

Newsletter:

Deadline for the town newsletter is Oct. 9. Dave is working on articles thanking Adopt A Trail groups and Eagle Scout projects. Our hike schedule will be updated and included. A clip and mail coupon for the history book will be submitted. Our newsletter will include new member and renewed member list, an update on the Freemans (they're baaaaack), upcoming hikes, results of Bridge Walk '96, etc. We'll also include the proposed amendment changes.

Trailmaster's Report, Carol MacInnes:

- Carol and Ruth Nellis bushwhacked from the Monroe County Water Tank near Rt.490 to Log Cabin Rd. at Benson Rd. Lots of woods and ravines. Could be a possible trail if we use the water pipeline easement. Carol needs to contact landowners about possible revocable permits or town trail easements.
- NYS Thruway is sponsoring two workshops for the launching of the Friends of the Canalway Trail organization. One will take place on Oct. 3, 1996 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Ogden Farmer's Library at 269 Ogden Center Rd. in the town of Ogden. The second meeting will be on Oct 9, 1996 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn, 125 North Main Street, Newark, NY. The agenda includes a slide presentation, trail safety, local benefits of a Canalway Trail System, a two week long bike-and-hike trek on the canal trail to raise awareness and a brainstorming session on issues and opportunities for the Canalway Trail. Dave plans to attend the Oct 3 meeting. We should have a representative at the Oct. 9 meeting. If you are available, please call Dave.
- We should plan on scouting a connection between the village sewer plant property and the Auburn Trail when the leaves fall. Tony Angelo may be the land owner.
- We need to clear the Royal View Heights Trail when the leaves fall.
- Bill Metrose expressed a desire to talk about trails at Wiley Estates.
- We need to talk to Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook and Interchange Heights again.

Trailboss's Report, Larry Fisher:

- Met with Jeff Hultzapple to reroute a section of the Seneca Trail in the wetland area. Looked at the possibility of using part of the trolley bed that parallels the Auburn Trail. Jeff will build a foot bridge where this trail will meet the Auburn.
- The vandalism problem on Main Street Fishers reported last month has stopped.
- Additional trail markers and road signs need to be installed. Many were installed last month on the Auburn and Seneca. Larry will schedule some days.
- Dave received a phone call from Ann Chandler of Explorer Post 295 in Bloomfield. She has 20 scouts who need 10 hours each of community conservation work to complete their 50 Miler Award. Possible projects include a trail in Ganondagan to connect with the Seneca

(Dave will call Peter Jemison to see if he has decided which one he wants cleared.), clearing the Royal View Heights Trail or both.

New Business:

- Dowling property at the corner of Turk Hill Rd. and Rt.96 is again asking for a rezoning from residential to commercial. There is a creek and steep slope near the Perinton border.
- Ken Waters of Gillis Rd. was appointed Special Advisor to the Conservation Board- Bluebird Sanctuary by the Town Board. He is knowledgeable about Bluebirds.
- Boughton Park had the Ontario Co. Jail prisoners do some trail work recently.
- The Hawkins Subdivision has received preliminary approval. This land is by the water tank on Hillcrest and has potential wooded trail and conservation easements.
- A request for trail crossing caution signs for road traffic was presented to the Village and Town by Dave. The Village has granted us permission to install signs at our expense. They only request a description of the sign that we intend to install. We would want them to pay for and install any signs on Village roads. The Town is still deciding what is required. Dave talked to Steve Beavis at the NYSDOT. Steve sent a copy of the Rail-to-Trails guide for signs on the trails. Dave called Elderlee Inc. in Oaks Corners, NY (they make the road signs) and got a quote of \$49.00 for a 24" by 24" diamond shaped caution sign, yellow with black pedestrian symbol. Each crossing will require four signs plus four posts. The DOT wants to study the Rt. 96 crossing before making any comments. Dave is continuing to look for a green sign with a white hiker silhouette. Painted crosswalks on the road are not recommended by the DOT, unless there is a stop sign or traffic light.
- Dave attended a Genesee Transportation Council BPAC meeting. They are finalizing a bike trail map for the 9 county region.
- Macedon Trails is working on the Stone St. to Bullis Park Trail through the village.
- We decided on the following monthly hikes:
 - Nov. 9- Thousand Acre Swamp in Penfield
 - Dec. 14- Mendon Ponds
 - Jan. 11- Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial Park (X-ski)
 - Feb. 8- Boughton Park
 - Mar. 8- Powder Mills Park
 - Apr. 12- Durand Eastman Park
 - May 10- Spring Farm, Newark
 - June 7- National Trails Day- Monkey Run & Bluebird Sanctuary
 - July 12- Gananda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake

Next hike:

Bentley Woods led by Carol MacInnes. Meet at the Firehouse on Main Street Fishers at 9 a.m. Car pool or hike to starting point.

Next meeting: October 24, 1996 at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Notes taken by Norm Smith and Dave Wright
Minutes typed by Dave Wright

