



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Jan. 28, 1999
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with 8 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman
Chauncy Young	Ruth Nellis	Dave Coleman	Norm Smith

Last Month's Minutes:

Corrections: Up-coming hikes should be as follows:

Feb. 13 - Still Woods (changed to X-country ski in Perinton)

March 13 - Boughton Park

April 10 - Zurich Bog

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

December:	Checking account	511.90
	Savings account	5446.33
	Total	5958.23

Membership:

2 memberships were renewed.

Welcome to our newest member, Shirley Dombrowski!

Total memberships is 132 households.

Publicity:

Dave has not yet sent notice to the newspapers about our next hike. Carol was to lead the Feb. 13 hike at Still Woods, but she is also committed to lead the Nordic Ski Club at 10AM in the Perinton -Victor area. It was discussed and decided that VHT will join the ski club. Meet at Bushnell's Basin Park and Ride parking lot at 10AM. Bring a lunch and, of course, skis.

Historian:

The Paparone family has donated land on Brace Rd. for access to the Village Park.

Newsletter:

Deadline for the newsletter is the first of March. Please get articles to Dave in time.

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol will send a letter to Benderson Development stating our continued interest in our easement for the Seneca Trail. The property involved was formerly owned by DeFelice.

Last Hike:

The 2nd annual New Year's Eve hike was held at Boughton Park with 10 hikers participating. The night was brisk (15 degrees) with moonlight to add a special glow to the evening. A campfire and hot chocolate kept everyone comfortable. After midnight, 6 hikers took a 3-mile walk around the east lake. Four brave trekkers even spent the night in their tents and sleeping bags.

No one showed up for the Jan. 9 hike at Webster Park. Heavy snowfall and slippery driving conditions account for the lack of participation.

Old Business:

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Dave checked out the sewer problem on the Auburn Trail at Phillips Rd. and found liquid trickling out of the top of the manhole cover. He called the Code Enforcement Officer to report the problem. No response yet.

On the same day, Dave also removed the hunter signs from the trails at the road crossings. He put up more metal signs on the Auburn between Break of Day Rd. and East Victor Rd..

New Business:

On Dec. 20, Dave hiked from Royal View Trail to Powder Mill Park via the pond under the power lines and across the Allan property, coming out by the mess hall parking lot by the South Lodge. This could be a possible route to Powder Mill.

We need to put metal signs on the Royal View Trail, possibly blue signs. We also need some 11"X11" yellow signs at the Benson Rd. and Fisher's Rd. crossings. Also at the end of the trail near the pond.

Railroad Mills Rd. has been paved and striped. Traffic is reportedly traveling at a faster speed now.

We received a survey from New York Parks and Conservation Assoc. asking for information on our trails. Dave filled out the survey and sent them maps showing our trails. They are compiling information on trails in our state.

Kathy Purdy of White Haven Memorial asked Dave for advice on designing trails in a remote section of the cemetery for the general public to use. He gave her some guidelines and recommended that she visit Tinker Nature Center in Henrietta as well as some of the county parks. He also told her to call Rich and Sue Freeman for advice.

The annual kick-off breakfast has been rescheduled for March 13, as Dave will be out of town Feb. 13. Place of meeting will be announced in the Feb. minutes.

The Federal government has started a new grant program, TEA-21. This might be our opportunity to purchase property, should RG&E want to sell the Auburn land. Larry will call Debby Wegman to see if it is up for sale. The grant has an April 1 deadline.

We received a letter from Thomas and Karen Simonds, 7055 Dryer Rd.. They are giving us until June 1 to find an alternate route. Our National Trails Day hike is on June 5 along the Seneca Trail so alternate routing along this section must be found. A possibility would be to walk west along Dryer then south along Maple St/rte.444 to a Ganondagan entrance used primarily for utility purposes. Carol and Ruth will contact Peter Jemison to see if we can use this-entrance to gain access to our trail.

Sue and Rich sent us a check for \$5 for a book sold through our group.

Macedon Trails is helping Trail Works on their Marion to Newark Trail.

Goals for 1999 were discussed and worked out. We have a full year ahead.

The audit of 1998 finances will be held at the Feb. meeting.

We sold another history book which Dorothy Wright delivered.

The Town of Victor has paid our insurance bill

Sean Cutt has moved to Fairport and resigned from the Conservation Board; a replacement is being sought.

Crista Construction will be building a new corporation headquarters in Victor Heights Corp. Park on rte. 251.

Quail Ridge East, Section III located on Victor-Egypt Rd. across from Lynaugh, has been given final approval for 21 lots on 14.48 acres. This includes 1.18 acres of open space and 2.41 acres of conservation easement area.

Dr. Leve, 333 Fishers Rd., is subdividing 48 acres into 5 lots for his children to build on. The property is near the Auburn.

Gypsum Mills has a new owner. Mr. Morgan is buying the property from Bob Murphy. He plans to build another golf course and remove the old barns. He has also proposed a playground, tennis courts, walking trail along Mud Creek.

Aldrich Heights on Victor-Egypt Rd. is moving ahead for 108 lots on 110 acres, Forest Park Manor Apt. on Turk Hill Rd. is starting construction.

Eastview Square on Turk Hill has cleared the land and started building. Perinton lost their lawsuit against Victor.

The Density Committee will hold a workshop on Wed., Feb. 3 at 7PM at the Town Hall.

The Victor Chamber of Commerce has published the 1999 Membership directory.

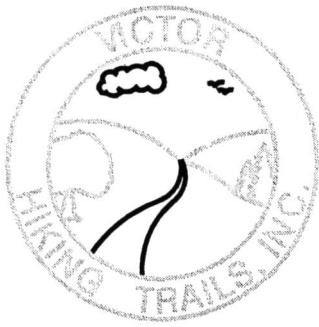
Next Hike:

Feb. 13, meet 10AM at the Bushnell Basin Park & Ride parking lot. Bring skis and a lunch.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Feb. 25, 1999.

Adjournment: 9:25PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Nellis



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GOALS FOR 1999

TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook Rd.
Possible reroute of Seneca at Dryer, access Ganondagan from Rt 444.
Trail to by-pass Victor Insulator.
Purchase Auburn from RG&E thru TEA-21 grant
Fort Hill to McCarthy Park (working with Town).
Ganondagan to Fort Hill (working with Ganondagan).
Auburn to Powder Mills Park.
Royal View Heights to Auburn or Powder Mills Park.
Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy- delay until 2000.
Ganondagan to Boughton Park- future.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Auburn Trail-	Bridge repair in Fishers. Have Town Highway Dept add topping to sections with large stone. Build bridge or stepping stones over creeks at Break of Day Rd. Add sign at Farmington line. Add "NO WHEELED VEHICLES" signs between Break Of Day & E. Victor Rds. Paint gates.
Lehigh-	Town Highway Dept to add more base and compact. Paint gates. Add sign at town line. Add signs at road crossings like Monroe County version. Create path to Auburn. May need permission from Monroe Contractors. Consider decking over RR bridge if trail is continued to trolley line.
Seneca Trail-	Bridge over Great Brook by Dryer Road. New path on Interchange Heights Additional boardwalk through wetlands to old house. Blaze entire length- Rich & Sue Freeman.
Monkey Run-	Move entrance and reroute some paths when necessary. Update signs.
MaryFrances	
Bluebird-	Keep trail cleared. Work with Town. Planned hike on May 1.
Royal View	
Heights-	Keep trail cleared. Add signs at trail head and at the pond.
Pipers-	Signs needed at road, mark trail.
Willow Brook	
Estates-	Mark trail. Connect to Seneca.
Signs-	Review need for signs at road crossings for traffic. Add stop signs to gates.
Equipment-	Review needs for 1999. Suggested: Trailer, heavy-duty weedwacker, safety helmet w/face shield, ear protection, leather gloves.

ADOPT A TRAIL

Auburn from Brace Rd. to East Victor Rd.
Seneca trail from golf range to Auburn Trail.
Lehigh sections.
Royal View Heights.
Pipers.

MEMBERSHIP

Increase by twenty (20) percent.
Set up table at Eastview Mall for morning walkers

FUND RAISERS

History book sale- continue.
Hike book sale- continue.
Hang Around Victor Day- Sept. 11.
Consider Village Historical walk, History Week in Oct.
Corporate donations of materials with recognition (plaque).

EDUCATION

National Trails Day- June 5.
Redo the nature booklet for Monkey Run.
Arrange guided hikes on Nature trail at Monkey Run.
Create history trail guide.
Town and VHT Newsletters.
Guided Hikes.
Slide Show.
Video Show.

HISTORY

Scrap book.

PUBLICITY

Local Newspapers.
Membership Brochure.
Victor Town Newsletter- bi-yearly, May and Nov.
Our Newsletter- quarterly.
Other Hiking Associations through our newsletter.
Other Outdoor Clubs through our newsletter.

VHT CALENDAR

- Feb. 13 10 AM X-country ski Perinton area
- Feb. 25 7:30 PM Monthly meeting
- Mar. 13 7:30 AM Annual organizational meeting/breakfast
- Mar. 13 9 AM Hike Boughton Park
- Mar. 25 7:30 PM Monthly meeting
- Apr. 10 9 AM Hike Zurich Bog
- Apr. 22 7:30 PM Monthly Meeting
- May 8 9 AM Hike Chimney Bluffs
- May 27 7:30 PM Monthly meeting
- June 5 9 AM National Trails Day, hike Seneca Trail
- June 12 9 AM Hike Auburn and Lehigh Trails to Mendon
- June 24 7:30 Monthly meeting

**“Much sleet in winter will be followed by a good fruit year.”
Yankee Weather Proverbs**