



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Sept. 23, 1999
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Carol MacInnes	Allen Johnson
Larry Fisher	Dave Coleman	Sue Freeman	Douglas Fisher
John McVay(guest)	Susan McVay (guest)		

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as corrected: under New Business, add the Nominating Committee is Chauncy Young and Roberta Lockwood.

Treasurer's Report:

Aug:	CD	2000.00
	Checking account	182.46
	Savings account	3515.20
	Total	5397.66

Membership:

There are 5 new household memberships: Jane and Bernie Schuster, Carol and Harvey Simmons, David and Tammy Reed, Denise Paley & Rob Leaverns, Michael and Christine Benard. Welcome! The following have rejoined VHT: Lee Carl, Dan Wilson, Bryan and Kathy Powers, Fred and Beth Dewey. 13 have renewed memberships and 12 have not kept up their memberships. This brings the total to 122 households. Dave W. mailed out 60 flyers to past members who have let their membership lapse. 8 came back with no forwarding address and 4 rejoined.

Scout Report:

John McVay took pictures and measured the corduroy trail – 162'. Larry has pressure-treated 2X10"X12' left over from our bridge project that John can use. John will get together with Larry to determine the exact inventory of lumber available.

Publicity:

Dave sent 8 faxes to the local papers regarding our Oct.9 hike. Dave talked to Kris Dreessen, the new reporter for the Messenger, about an article on trails that she would like to write.

Historian:

Articles were submitted on the following: DOT talk on 9-15-99 at Hampton Inns on the rte. 96 upgrade; Dave attended the meeting and was assured that the signal light at rte.251 would have a pedestrian button on the east side for our Seneca Trail; most of rte. 96 from the Thruway to the Village line would have 8' wide shoulders for bikes and pedestrians; there will be a center lane

for left turns the entire length; intersections will have left and right turn lanes. Also submitted were articles on fires and land slides in the Adirondacks, a new boardwalk across the wetlands at Thomas Creek in Fairport, the Bare Hill "Ring of Fire" hike, a change in ownership of the Gypsum Mills Golf Course, and an article on trail groups in our area .

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The fall issue of the VHT Pathfinder was mailed 8-30-99. Extra copies are available at the Town Hall. The next newsletter will be mailed 12-1-99, with a deadline of 11-20-99. If you have a request for winter or general information, please call Dave W.. If you have information to include, call Dave.

The Town Newsletter will be mailed in late October. Dave W. submitted a short article and several clip and mail forms for books and joining VHT. Look for the land density survey.

Trailmaster:

Dave W. has the Reh's revocable permit. We need to work on the map where we want the trail to run. Then copies will be mailed. Larry suggested we meet at the RG&E substation on the corner of Dryer Rd. and Maple Ave. to tag a possible trail and creek crossing. Tentative date is Sat., Oct. 2 at 9AM.

Trail Boss:

Dave W. stopped at the Bluebird Sanctuary and walked the wooded sections with Bob Butler. Half of the section through the pines next to the pond is cleared, the other half needs to be completed and then blazed; watch for poison ivy. The northeast corner to the pond outlet needs quite a bit of work. From the pond, heading south along the east boundary, it is mostly open woods. It has been marked but needs to be blazed and tidied up a bit. We should finish this fall for the Freeman's book. 4X4 posts and yellow signs are needed at the entrance.

We still need to put up some 4X4 posts and yellow signs at trail-road crossings. (See previous minutes for locations.) Dave C. also noted that the Proximity Rd. crosses the Auburn now; we need 2 signs. Dave C. said that the posts already are in place.

On 9-12-99, Dave W. added dirt steps to the hill going up from Willowbrook toward the firehouse on High St.. He noted that we need some 2X2 posts with red signs on the Seneca between Willowbrook and the backyards of the houses on Trillium Trail.

A resident was concerned about a dam or log jam in Mud Creek about 100' south of the Thruway on Brownsville Rd.. The Code Enforcement officer checked it out and it appeared to be minor debris floating down the creek. This creek is controlled by the DEC, not the town.

Dave W. made some additional repairs to the Sears gas-powered hedge trimmer.

There was some major work done last month consisting of many man hours and materials to repair the stone bridge closest to Fisher Rd.. The VanVoorhis', on Labor Day weekend, repointed under the bridge at water's level and the face on the downstream side. This will extend the life of the bridge considerably.

Larry would like to purchase a self-propelled, large rear wheeled lawn mower. If he finds a bargain this fall, he will purchase it. Otherwise, we will wait for spring sales. A good used mower would also be acceptable.

Last Hike:

Saturday evening, Sept. 3, 24 people drove from Victor Town Hall to Bare Hill, near Vine Valley, to enjoy an enormous bon fire, Seneca songs and dances. Meeting at 7:30PM gave us just enough time to get to the top of the hill for the lighting of the fire at 9PM. If we do this hike next year we should meet at 7 PM.

Old Business:

7 people are signed up for the Adirondack adventure.

Hang Around Victor Day was a success. We sold several books, passed out maps, water bottles and canvas bags. We signed up one new membership and one rejoined. Thank you to all who helped.

Angela Fisher has a Brownie group and a Webelos den looking for conservation projects. Her phone number is 924-7526.

The Millennium Round Table committee has been meeting to plan special activities for 2000. Most will occur near Hang Around Victor Day. Dave told them we will be celebrating National Trails Day on Sat., June 3, 2000 and that we will apply for TRAILS 2000 designation. We will again have a booth at Hang Around Victor Day. He did not commit to any financial or physical help.

Dave W. attended the Genesee Transportation Council's Greater Rochester Long Range Transportation Plan workshop on 8-31 in Perinton. GTC must update the 20-year master plan every 5 years. They are looking for input from the public. There is much interest in multi-use trails and pedestrian improvements. All road improvements are supposed to consider bike and pedestrian needs. Our region is given about \$100m/year for transportation improvements. An equal amount comes from the state, counties and towns. Principle focus is Monroe County and adjacent towns like Victor.

New Business:

Dave W. reviewed the Springdale (Monkey Run, Ryon's) subdivision plans and made some suggestions for the trail loop and access by the neighbors. There was a public hearing at the last Planning Board meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that part of the old Junior High be used as a community center/recreation program facility. The Town Board agreed.

Sept. 27, 7:30PM, there will be a public hearing to consider making the area around Valentown Museum a planned development district. This would restrict development of the area.

The Center for Environmental Information, Inc. is having a reception (6PM) and dinner (7PM) on Oct. 14, 1999, at the Crowne Plaza Rochester Hotel to honor Mayor Johnson and celebrate 25 years. Guest speakers will be Kathryn Fuller, Pres. of the World Wildlife Fund. Deadline is Oct. 6; call 262-2870 for reservations.

Betsey Russell is taking a leave of absence from Ontario Pathways. She has been working on the trail project full time since Nov. 1992 and needs a rest. Fred Bertram will step in as acting president.

Boughton Park has new decals, good through 2003 and a new brochure with a great trail map. They are available at the Town Hall.

Alice Hunt sent us a thank you for helping her become NYS Town Clerk of the Year.

Dave Schaffer sent us a copy of a letter he sent to William Wright, Commissioner of Public Works, Town of Perinton who is moving on to become Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario County. Bill is very pro-trails and hopefully, we will be able to count on some county support in the future.

Jackie Morris spoke with David Koon at Hang Around Victor Day. He would like to help us get a trail connection between Perinton and Victor. On Sun, Oct. 10, Dave and Douglas Fisher and others will scout a trail. Meet at noon.

There will be 3 public information workshops on property density in Victor: Sept. 22, Oct. 5 and 27, 1999. All are at 7PM at the Town Hall. Your input is important.

Jim Andres, owner of Mickey Finn's, called Dave to say he has permission from the Village to clear the grass where the tracks were and either pave or put down wood chips. Due to the density and high use of bikes, Dave recommended black top.

Ron Sears would like to update our Web page. We need to get our maps updated and added. We should have a link to Footprint Press so people can order the hiking and biking books and have VHT get credit. We could have some excerpts from the "history" book and a form to order the book. Our voice message phone number could be included. Our quarterly newsletter could be uploaded. Ron would like additional photos, arc tiles, sounds, newsletters, etc.. If anyone has any information, send it to Dave W. or Ron via e-mail. Ron is also looking for articles on New York hiking trails.

The slate of Officers for 2000 will be presented next month. Voting will be at the November meeting.

Lake Ontario State Parkway Bicycle Study is looking for public input; Greece Town Hall, Thurs, Sept. 30, from 7-9PM.

The fall 1999 regional Planning and Zoning Workshop on Nov.12, in Mt. Morris is open to the public. \$30 registration includes lunch and materials.

Kaufmann's Fund Works Program: train and work for \$6.40/hour during the holidays. VHT gets \$20/day/person as a donation. Call Dave W. for dates if you or anyone you know is interested.

Review the locations we have hiked during the last 3 years and bring your suggestions to next month's meeting. See attached sheet.

Next Hike:

Sat., Oct. 9, Ontario County Park to Camp Cutler. Call 234-8226 for information. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Oct. 28, 1999.

Adjournment: 9:25PM

Minutes based on notes submitted by Dave Wright.

Ruth E. Nellis

Secretary

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
JAN	HARRIET HOLLISTER	COBBS HILL	WEBSTER PARK
FEB	BOUGHTON PARK	GREENWAY	X-COUNTRY SKI PERINTON AREA
MAR	POWDER MILLS PARK	LETCHWORTH	BOUGHTON PARK
APR	DURAND EASTMAN	CORBETT'S GLEN	ZURICH BOG
MAY	SPRING FARM	CHIMNEY BLUFFS	CHIMNEY BLUFFS
JUN	MONKEY RUN, BLUEBIRD	AUBURN & BERGEN SWAMP	SENECA TRAIL; BIKE LEHIGH
JUL	GANANDA PARK	CONKLIN'S GULLY	DISH MILL CREEK, LETCHWORTH
AUG	OUTLET TRAIL	TURNING POINT PARK	SENECA PARK ZOO TO STUTSON ST
SEP	IRONDEQUOIT BAY EAST	RING OF FIRE	RING OF FIRE
OCT	STID HILL	BSA CAMP CUTLER	JUMP-OFF TO CUTLER
NOV	OLD ERIE CANAL, PITTSFORD	POWDER MILLS PARK	MENDON PONDS
DEC	MENDON PONDS	ROYAL COACH	CANADICE TRAIL

IDEAS FOR 2000-

VHT CALENDAR

Oct. 9 9 AM Hike from Ontario Co. Park to Camp Cutler

Oct. 10 1:30 PM Crescent Trails "Winery" hike from Foley Rd. to Casa Larga

Oct. 28 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Nov. 13 9 AM Hike Mendon Ponds Park

Nov. 18 7:30 PM Monthly meeting, elections. **NOTE DATE!**

Dec. 11 9 AM Hike Canadice Trail

Dec. 16 7:30 PM Monthly meeting and Holiday Party. **NOTE DATE!**

Dec. 31 Ring in the New Year 2000, the beginning of the end of the millennium.

"A thunderstorm in October is a sign of a long, cold winter." From **Yankee Weather Proverbs**