



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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**Feb. 24, 2000**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher
Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman	Ann Schauman	Roberta Lockwood
David Coleman	Norm Smith		

### **Last Month's Minutes:**

Approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jan:	CD	\$2075.66
	Checking account	461.60
	Savings account	2479.96
	Total	5017.22

Chauncy rolled over the CD into an 8-month account to get a better interest rate.

### **Membership:**

Welcome to Paul Merkel, William Turney, Sandy Ottman and Phyllis Youngmans.  
Two members renewed. The total household memberships are currently at 140.

### **Publicity:**

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our upcoming March hike at Oatka Park near Scottsville. This will be a cross-country ski trek, snow permitting. We could also hike Black Creek Park, time permitting.

Dave W. was interviewed by the D&C and promoted the positive benefits of trails and open space. The article resulted in several phone calls for maps and hike information as well as two new memberships.

### **Historian:**

Dave W. submitted newspaper articles on our Feb. hike, the Genesee Greenway, our March hike. Dave C. submitted an article on banning motorized vehicles in the Adirondacks.

### **Education:**

No report. Roberta suggested a program with local scouts.

### **Newsletter:**

Dave W. has the Spring 2000 issue roughed out and should be ready to mail it on March 1. There will be a trail sweep on Earth Day, April 22; meet 9AM Town Hall.

The deadline for the Summer 2000 issue will be May 25 for a June 1 mailing.

The Town newsletter will be mailed in May. Dave W. will write an article promoting National Trails Day and explaining trail changes and improvements. Any other ideas, please call Dave W.

**Trailmaster:**

The town has purchased the Rueben's property (1.4 acres) adjacent to the Fishers Park. Charlene Berry-Pickering will determine what needs to be done to the property, including any clearing and repair or replacement of the footbridge.

100 Acres Woods – Carol talked with Jane Luce who will send Carol maps of Hamptons and Wiley Estates to show trail easement. The Planning Board will continue to request open space in 100 Acre Woods and place houses near the main roads.

We have not heard back from any of the landowners on Dryer Rd., so we will go forward with the rerouting of the Seneca Trail where it crosses Great Brook.

**Trail Boss:**

Larry will try again to reach Debbie Wegman regarding the RG&E property on Dryer Rd.

John McVay got an inventory of pressure-treated lumber available at Larry Fisher's and has a list of what is needed. He will shop around for the best price. He hopes to start in April and finish before National Trails Day.

Trail maintenance 2000 schedule is submitted. See attached sheet.

Larry, Rich and Sue will meet on Sat. 9AM to put the second railing on the bridge over Great Brook at RG&E on Dryer Rd.. The trail will also be trimmed, weather permitting.

**Last Hike:**

There were 5 hiker/skiers who drove to Webster Park to find it covered with ice from the freezing rain earlier in the week. The group ended up skiing in Perinton on the Hike-Bikeway that used to be the R.S.&E. (eastern) Trolley line. They parked at the Ayrault Rd. crossing, skied to the Canal, skied on the canal, had lunch and returned to their cars. We will put Webster Park on our schedule for next year for a non-snow month.

**Old Business:**

Our National Trails Day event is listed on the American Hiking Society website. Dave W. submitted our application for the Community Millennium Trail.

Dave W. attended the monthly BPAC meeting. They are reevaluating the program and want to include more emphasis on the pedestrian factor.

The town expects to have GIS map training and software by June 2000.

The Victor Historical Society Advisory Committee made a report to the Society board. The board is starting to have meetings to determine what the long-range plan of the museum and surrounding lands should be.

**New Business:**

Dave W. sent a copy of our insurance policy to George Harris, attorney to Evelyn Harloff, owner of a property on Dryer Rd. where our Seneca Trail crosses.

The Transportation Plan, conducted by SRF & Associates, was adopted by the Town Board as an addition to the Town's Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan).

Bristol's Farm Market has purchased the property adjacent and to the south. They will use it for storage of their inventory.

Crescent Trail hike for March 12 will be at Bushnell's Basin on Jefferson Rd. just north of Thornell Rd.. They will hike the southwest area trails from Cartersville to Garnsey Rd..

The DEC has two brochures on wetlands and their benefits.

Crew 215 is going through some growing pains. The scouts are mostly seniors and are involved in many activities. Bruce Mellen, the Crew advisor, would like to see the group continue, but the scouts need to take the initiative to recruit younger scouts, elect officers and plan their activities.

The University of Buffalo has financial assistance for graduate studies in Environmental Planning. Students accepted in their Master of Urban Planning program and who wish to specialize in Environmental Planning, are eligible for a \$5,000 "top-off" fellowship. For additional information, check out their web page at [www.ap.buffalo.edu/planning](http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/planning) or call 716-829-2133 ext. 109.

Trail Works, Inc. annual dinner/meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, 2000 at 6:30PM at the Quality Inn, Newark. The guest speaker will be Irene Szabo, president-elect of the Finger Lakes Trails Conference. Call Betty Hill 315-483-8325 by March 8 for reservations.

Charlene met with the Growth Management Committee Feb. 24, and shared her views of town recreation. There were many good questions and input for her. Next meeting of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be on Wed. March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. They normally meet on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30PM..

For our May hike at Spring Farm, we must sign an agreement to leave the facilities as we find them and be responsible for any damages. They also request that we provide a satisfactory certificate of insurance for the day we will hike. Dave W. will send in the paperwork.

The ZBA is reviewing a request of the RKH Golf driving range on Lynaugh Rd. for five 40' light poles (code specified 25'). The next meeting will be Mon., March 6, at 7:30PM.

Nancy Young is selling her property. 3-8 acres with the house will be put on the market and about 60 acres adjacent to the Fishers Park will be offered for sale to the town. Chauncy has indicated that he would offer to donate his 1/3 to the Town, if the Town purchases the entire 60 acres as parkland. He currently maintains trails on the property.

**Next Hike:**

Sat., March 11, Oatka Park. Hike or ski depending on the weather. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM. Bring a lunch and beverage.

**Next Meeting:** 7:30PM, Thurs., March 23, 2000.

**Adjournment:** 8:50PM

The annual audit was performed by Sue, Rich, Larry and Carol after the meeting. Everything was satisfactory.

Written from notes taken by Dave Wright.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

## VHT CALENDAR

Mar 11	Hike or cross country ski Oatka Park
Mar 12	Crescent Trails Hike at 1:30 PM
Mar 23	Monthly meeting, 7:30 PM
Apr 8	Hike Powder Mills Park to the Daffodil field in Pittsford
May 13	Hike Spring Farm in Newark
June 3	National Trail Day. Hike the Seneca from Ganondagan to Valentown.
June 10	Hike Urbana State Forest
July 8	Gully hike Tanner and Grimes Glens in Naples
Aug. 12	Hike Howland Island (Montezuma Refuge)
Sept. 2	Canadaigua Lake "Ring of Fire" celebration
Sept. 9	Booth at Hang Around Victor Day. History walk. Millennium celebration.
Oct. 14	Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11	Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9	Hike Durand Eastman Park

**"March robin, Devil's warning." From Yankee Weather Proverbs**