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March 23, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with 4 attending:

Dave Wright Carol MacInnes Larry Fisher John McVay

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Feb.:	CD	\$2089.11
	Checking account	477.79
	Savings account	2483.73
	Total	5050.63

Membership:

There were no new members this month, 2 moved from the area and 8 renewed. This makes a total of 138 households.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our upcoming April 8th hike at Powder Mills Park. We will follow the Irondequoit Creek to the daffodil area. It will be approximately 3-4 miles on level land. It may be muddy.

A reporter for the Messenger interviewed Dave W. She is writing an article on the health benefits of hiking. She will promote hiking groups in the area. It will be in a supplement on health in the Messenger in April. There may also be an article in the Sunday Connection in the future.

Historian:

Dave W. had an article on a \$300,000 grant that the town of Chili will receive for developing Union Station Park near Black Creek. The town will kick in \$100,000 and there will be \$200,000 in town services used. Plans include several soccer fields, walking trails, several baseball fields, a handicapped accessible fishing areas, tennis courts, a picnic pavilion with a covered gathering area and parking. This was one of 27 projects in western NY to receive a share of \$3.2 million in grants for park projects.

Dave also had an article on the conversion of part of the Lehigh RR in Henrietta to a multi-use trail. It will run from Lehigh Station Rd. to the Rush town line. Rush is also working on their section to connect to the Lehigh Trail that runs east and west.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The spring issue was mailed March 3. There are several extra copies if anyone would like some. **Reminder:** Trail sweep on April 22, Earth Day. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM.

Deadline for the summer issue is May 25 for a June mailing.

The deadline for the Town Newsletter is April 14 with a target date of May 8 for mailing. The main topic will be National Trails Day and trail rerouting.

Trailmaster:

Regarding 100 Acres Woods, Carol has a map that shows where we can have trail access. We need to blaze a trail and mark it.

Regarding the Valentown Museum to Perinton Trail, Carol met with Harry Kesel to discuss access on his property. He wants to talk to the Roaches before getting back to us.

Carol will investigate a possible route from Ganondagan to Boughton Park. She has a list of landowners.

Trail Boss:

John McVay's Eagle project has been approved. He reported on his planning details. John got prices from Home Depot and Victor Coal & Lumber: Home Depot was high.

13 -6"X6" \$411.19

6 -2"X10" 471.87

Nails 16p 4.59

Total \$887.65 - 12.28% = \$778.65

John will ask VC&L to cut the 6"X6" to length. After talking to his troop members, John will get a delivery date.

Debbie Wegman will be sending Larry a permit so we can use the RG&E land on Dryer Rd at rte.444.

RG&E/Great Brook bridge now has a second railing on it. A ramp on the east side is needed; Larry suggested we use dirt. We need to have a trail constructed on the west side up the hill. The trail is clear and tagged to the field but it needs markers. One of our posts is needed at the RG&E parking lot. We will use the one on Dryer Rd. in the field. We will abandon the old trail and remove the signs. We may need to add some erosion control to the east gabion on the upstream side.

Last Hike:

16 hikers enjoyed the trail in Oatka Park on March 11. We found the remnants of an old building that was used in mining gypsum and the foundation of an old railroad bridge that crossed Oatka Creek. 2 kayakers were enjoying the rapids. We hiked a total of 7 miles.

Old Business:

BPAC is continuing with bike related safety but is looking at issues that affect pedestrians and mass transit users also. Dave W. is pushing for MUTC to be started up again to focus on hiking issues.

It appears that Crew 215 has disbanded, at least for now.

Dave mailed the necessary forms for our May hike at Spring Farm.

The ZBA approved 40' light poles for the RKH golf driving range on Lynaugh.

Charlene Berry-Pickering walked the Nancy Young property. She is gathering input from the Growth Management Committee, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and others for a presentation to the Town Board. The Conservation Board recommends purchase of the land.

New Business:

Dave W. attended the Boughton Park Board of Directors meeting on March 2. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at the East Bloomfield Public Library at 7:30PM. They are reviewing their small boat policy. They have 15 slots for canoes and would like to accommodate some rowboats. They would like a volunteer group to construct a simple rack for the handicap and elderly to lock their rowboat to. Dave put the word out to local scout troops but has not gotten any feedback. Dogs in the park do not have to be on a leash but they must be under voice control. Mountain bikes are permitted on the trails.

Jackie Morris called to say that the group Inward Bound is planning a Grand Canyon trip for Sept. 13-18. They will fly out of Buffalo, hike from the south rim, stay 2 days in the canyon, visit Sonoma and return to Buffalo. All expenses are covered for \$700. Call Jackie immediately at 742-1848 if interested.

Jim Anders of Mickey Finn's wants to meet with us on Tuesday, March 28 at 4:30PM to plan the trail construction next to the parking lot. A bike rack is needed.

Jeff Morris, Town Attorney, has added a section to the standard conservation easement agreement that "grants a right of passage on foot only, across and upon the premises, at your own risk." This allows pedestrian access that can be helpful in providing links between new subdivisions and existing trails.

Charlene asked the Village to spend \$4,000 for an archeological study on the Brace Rd. Park lands so that work can continue to develop the park.

On March 14, Benderson Development Co. presented their plan for the Victor Commerce Park on rte. 96 across from the Hamptons. It will include a Wal-Mart. We will continue to have our Seneca Trail along the eastern boundary. Dave W. asked the Planning Board to include VHT in any site plan approvals.

Benderson Development Co. has given us permission to hike on the Seneca Trail June 3.

Dave W. attended a seminar in Batavia on March 14, on buying development rights of farmlands. At lunch, he met Bill Patterson of the Nature Conservancy (546-8030). He is new and said they have had some people leave and suggested we approach them again on a trail through Bentley Woods on Log Cabin Rd. Carol said she would call him.

The Town applied for a grant for doing a study on the Valentown/High Street Extension planned development areas.

The Town hired an engineering firm to do a feasibility study of the Town Hall.

There will be fireworks at the Millennium celebration on Hang-Around-Victor Weekend 2000.

Charlene will be attending a 4-day seminar in Ellensville, NY.

The Town will be getting Pictometry Images of the Town to be used by the Water Dept., Assessor, Highway Dept., Planning Dept. and Parks and Recreation. They can be overlays on GIS images.

The Chamber of Commerce is honoring Town and Village employees at a dinner meeting on April 6 at 6PM at DiPacific's Restaurant. If interested, call the Chamber at 742-1476. Cost is \$12.

The Town Board approved purchase of park signs for Fishers Park and Mary Frances Bluebird Haven. They will be made and installed by Signlanguage.

Dave W. has a newsletter from the Webster Sesquicentennial Arboretum with their spring schedule. They have some attractive nature trails in a park setting.

Sue and Rich will be presenting their Appalachian slide show at RIT on April 12 at 7:30PM. Call 475-4975 if you are interested in attending.

The Dryer Rd. Park for lacrosse fields and trails is progressing. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met with 3 engineering firms this week. They will choose one next week.

The trip to Marcia's for the spring hike in the Adirondacks is April 28, 29 and 30. Call Dave W. if you want to go.

For a fall hike in the Adirondacks, save Sept. 29,30 and Oct. 1. Call Dave W. to sign up.

Next Hike: April 8, Powder Mills Park. Meet at the **Fish Hatchery parking lot** at 9AM.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., April 27, 2000.

Adjournment: 9:15PM

Written from notes taken by Dave Wright.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Apr 8	Hike Powder Mills Park to the Daffodil field in Pittsford
April 22	Trail Sweep- Meet at Town Hall parking lot at 9AM
April 27	Monthly Meeting, 7:30PM, Town Hall
April 28-39	Hike in the Adirondacks- Call Dave W. to sign up
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	Canandaigua 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

"When you hear the first frogs of spring, you may be sure that the frost is out of the ground." From Yankee Weather Proverbs