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Oct. 26, 2000
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with 9 attending:

Dave Wright Larry Fisher John McVay Norm Smith
David Coleman Chauncy Young Jeff Hennick Carol MacInnes
Roberta Lockwood

Last Month's Minutes:

Numbers were for August not for July. Everything else was O.K..

Treasurer's Report:

Sept.	CD	\$2089.11
	Checking account	421.74
	Savings account	<u>1606.48</u>
	Total	4117.33

Membership:

There were 2 new members: Welcome to Lori Minnis of Farmington and Linda Rotondi of Victor. We also had 8 renewals. The total is now 143 households.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our Nov. 11 hike at Greece Canal Park. The phone line has been updated. New brochures have been placed at the Town Hall and Library. 100 were given to Ila Gerew for new residents.

Historian:

Articles on the following were submitted: the proposed concept for a Victor Community Center, the conversion of a section of the Lehigh Railroad bed that runs through Brighton and Henrietta into a multi-use trail and our hike at Taughannock Falls State Park. Montour Falls Trail is to be dedicated.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The Town newsletter will be sent November 1. The VHT Pathfinder will be mailed Dec. 1, 2000. The deadline for submission is Nov. 16. An article on winter clothing for hiking will be written, also Hiking Safety tips based on group hikes.

Trailmaster:

We received a letter from Bill Patterson of the Nature Conservancy advising us that the entrance to Bentley Woods on Log Cabin Rd. (Gil Holtz's driveway) will remain as the only access. We can use the trails and plan hikes, but until there is a need for a through trail, it will remain as is.

Victor and Marie Parmenter of Dryer Rd. have sold 22.4 acres of their land to their neighbors Kevin and Cathleen Archibald of 7147 Wildwood Lane. A good length of our Auburn/Seneca Trail is on the property. The new owners intend to build a house somewhere on the property. Victor suggested we talk to the Archibalds regarding continual use of the trail. Depending on where they site the house, we may need to move the trail.

Carol M. was invited to go to the Penfield Trails meeting to explain how to meet with private landowners for trail permissions.

Wednesday Hikers had a good hike with Marcia Bryan; hiked Tea Lake Falls near Paiceco Lake and additional hikes. Lots of sore muscles the next day.

Trail Boss:

Rob Leavens, his son and a friend, Jeff Hennick, Dave Coleman, Chauncy Young, Dave Wright and Larry Fisher worked on the repair of the bridge over Great Brook. The east gabion was unloaded of about half of the rocks and re-leveled and then filled back up with stones from the creek. The bridge needs to be lengthened. We will work on extending the bridge on Sat., Oct. 28, 9AM.

The path from Dryer Rd. to the Weaver's driveway along rte. 444 was cleared about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way by Dave Wright and Larry Fisher. About another hour's work remains. Also we need to mow:

1. Mickey Finn's path.
2. Monkey Run from Valentown Rd. to the pond.
3. Parking area & perimeter of Mary Frances Bluebird Haven.
4. Auburn Golf Driving Range path through the field.
5. Ganondagan From rte 444.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000 at 10AM meet at Mary Frances for mowing

The steps on the Seneca Trail by Bob Scala's yard were removed by the Town Highway Dept. when they repaired a drainage pipe. It is now a gentle slope with few trees. The drainage creek is now visible.

Last Hike:

17 hikers enjoyed a beautiful day at Taughnnock Falls State Park. We hiked approximately 4 miles. 1.5 miles at creek's edge at the base of the falls and 2.5 miles along the rims on both sides - very scenic.

Old Business:

9 people enjoyed a great weekend hiking Dix Mountain on Saturday. This 14-mile hike rates one of the longest we have done. With rest stops along the way and lunch at the summit, it took us from 7AM to 7PM to complete the trip. A few of us learned some new skills at the end of the hike. It will be a trip to remember for a long time. (Yes, Jeff H. is fine.)

The Parks and Recreation Committee presented a concept of a new Victor community Center to the Town Board. The primary location is the Brace Rd. Park in the Village.

The Dryer Rd. Park concept plan will be presented to the Town Board on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7PM. The plan calls for 3 lacrosse fields, a concession stand with rest rooms and hiking trails to Fort Hill.

The Belleville subdivision on Lynaugh Rd. south of the new Ravenwood Golf course, is before the Planning Board. There is opportunity for trails and connection to Harlan Fisher Memorial Park.

The Town is still working to purchase the Young property on Old Dutch Rd..

New Business:

Netlink at Phillips Road would like to construct a new building at the rear of their property. The Planning Board asked if they would be willing to provide an access to the Lehigh from their property for their employees. Can VHT have public parking for trail access?

Six members of various boards and staff of Victor walked the Henry Hansen property on rte.251 opposite the Auburn Golf Driving Range to recommend to the Town Board that the Town accept the 44 acres as a donation to be used as a Town park. The Town attorney has the abstract and will be meeting with Henry's lawyer to work out the details. This will give us an opportunity to have a trail on the old trolley bed from the Auburn to the Lehigh.

We received a National Trails Day Event organizer manual from the American Hiking Society. Lots of ideas for National Trails Day are included.

Monroe county Parks has a full fall program for all ages. Dave. W. has their newsletter.

A scout from Fairport was looking for ideas for an Eagle project. Dave W. faxed him a list of 12 things we would like to get done in the next couple of years. Included were some of the items on our goals for 2000 list as well as additional trail creations. He will call if he is interested in any of these.

Kodak has a Conservation Fund Grant program for developing and improving trails. This year two hundred applications were reviewed and 38 were awarded. We should identify a project and apply next year. Suggested was redecking the Lehigh bridge over the Auburn.

Williamson Town Park is an 80+ acre wooded park under construction. It will have a cross-country run, hiking/nature trails, boardwalks, a pond with dock and a natural amphitheater. To get there, take rte. 21 south from rte. 104, turn west onto Eddy Rd. which is the first road south of Williamson High School. The park entrance dirt road is about a quarter of a mile on your right. Possible hike location for 2001.

American Hiking Society sent us an application for 2001 National Trails Endowment. We can submit a project for \$5-10,000. A good one might be the redecking of the Lehigh Bridge over the Auburn. This would be fairly expensive for the materials but we can supply the labor. It would tie in with the Hansen property.

Chancy will be attending the Trails Conference in Syracuse. There is a registration fee of \$90.00 to be paid by VHT.

All officers will be nominated for election for 2001 next month. The slate of officers will then be voted on at the same meeting.

Next month we will decide on our hikes for 2001. Bring suggestions.

Next Hike:

Greece Canal Park – Nov. 11, 2000, 9AM at the Town Hall.

Next Meeting: 3rd Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, 7:30PM.

Adjournment: 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Nov. 11	9AM	Hike at Greece Canal Park
Nov. 16	7:30PM	Monthly meeting; VHT Elections
Dec. 9	9AM	Hike Durand Eastman Park

“Purple or very dark blue clouds indicate snow as do a long flat bank of dark-colored clouds.” From Yankee Weather Proverbs

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