

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
VICTOR TOWN HALL
12/21/00**

The regular monthly meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Attendees: Dave Wright; David Coleman; Larry Fisher
Kathy Manners; Ruth Nellis; Chauncy Young; John McVay

Last Month's Minutes: Treasurer's report was for Oct, not Sept.

Treasurer's Report:

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| Nov. CD | \$ -0- |
| Checking | 558.43 |
| Savings | <u>3,782.08</u> |
| Total | \$4,340.51 |

Membership:

There are 4 new memberships this month. Welcome to Betty & Tom Dean of Victor;
Anne Wynne of Victor;
Heidi Bartram of Honeoye Falls;
Patricia Clyne of Circleville, NY

10 families renewed. 5 were dropped for lack of dues. Total membership is now 144.

Publicity: Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our January 13th hike at Black Creek Park.

Historian: Articles on fire towers in the Adirondacks and new parkland in Victor.
Article in *Conservation* (Oct. on Rich & sue Freeman's book on hikes in the Finger Lakes' Area.)

Education: No Report.

Future: Discussion ensued regarding possible education projects to be undertaken by Ruth Nellis, the new education person. Projects such as identifying trees and their uses on Monkey Run. It was suggested that illustrations of the trees be cut and pasted on 8 ½ paper; laminated and mounted to a board attached to a post near the tree. It was also suggested that points of historical interest be noted on the Auburn Trail; Lehigh Trail and the Seneca Trail. Sheldon Fisher and Doug Fisher are excellent resources. Research Indian's traditional approach to allergies; contact Ganondagan to determine if there might be an interest.

Newsletter: The VHT Newsletter was mailed December 1. One came back for change of address. Extra copies were placed at Town Hall. Next issue will be March 1, with a deadline of Feb. 22. Our hike schedule for 2001 will be included in the March issue as well as: trail sweep day, trail maintenance schedule; planned National Trails Day Event, new park and trail plans, and our goals for 2001.

Trailmaster: Carol M. will follow-up with the Archibalds.

Trail Boss: Bridge over Great Brook, secure one end before flood season.

Weaver Path: Complete except for sign at driveway and Dryer Road.

Winterized the Billy Goat.

Last Hike: We had nine people for our Durand Eastman venture. Two cross country skied, while 7 hiked for approximately 2 ½ hours. We had lunch in the parking lot and checked out the trails on the west side of King's Highway.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS: Possible projects were discussed: Improve gates; redesign to invite hikers, not deter them; big enough for bikes, not cars. Maybe expand : Design and replace.

Old Business: The Town continues to negotiate for the Young property. The Turner/Hansen property should be deeded over to the Town soon. It appears that it is actually 57 acres, not 44 as previously reported.

Monthly Hikes for Remainder of 2001

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| June 9 th , | Bike Hike on Ontario Pathways |
| July 14, | Webster Park (Arboretum Park?) |
| Aug. 11, | Stony brook Park (8 am) |
| Sept 8, | Ring of Fire on 9/1/01? Historical hike in Victor village? Hang Around Victor booth. |
| Oct. 13 | Wesley Hill Preserve |
| Nov.10 | Fishers Park |
| Dec. 8 | Northhampton |

Last month Dave Wright delivered:

- 5 Bluebird houses
- 9 Butterfly houses
- 9 Bat houses
- 3 History books

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| Parks and Rec. owes | \$120.00 (paid 12/28/00) |
| Carol M. owes | \$ 12.00 |
| Ruth N. paid | \$ 12.00 |
| Lois Maltman paid | \$ 60.00 |

New Business: Kathy Manners agreed to be secretary for the year 2001, allowing Ruth Nellis the opportunity to be Education Chairperson. Thanks Kathy and Ruth.

Marcia sent a Christmas card and pictures of our November hike in Greece.

Boughton Park Board of Directors printed new maps and will have new brochures for Town hall.

Growth Management Committee did a study of all the lands in Victor with comments on what should be kept as open space. Dave W. has a copy.

Dave W. measured the Lehigh Trestle over the Auburn to get an estimate of the cost to re-deck it. The bridge is approximately 144 feet long. The deck should be 8 feet wide to accommodate pedestrians and bikes safely. Based on cost of pressure treated lumber from Victor Coal & Lumber, total cost of decking with hand rails would be \$2,950 less 12% discount, or about \$2,600.

We will use this as our cost basis for any grants we apply for; Dave W. will discuss it with Jack Richter.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation is soliciting applications for the 2001 Recreational Trails' Program. Approximately \$1.5 million of federal funding is available statewide for 2001. The minimum award is \$5K, maximum is \$100K. A 20% match is required. Deadline is February 28, 2001.

New York Parks and Conservation Association has a new brochure called Greenways and Trails, Bringing Economic Benefits to New York. Dave W. has two copies. "An overwhelming majority of home buyers are looking for communities with 'walking and bicycling paths' and 'lots of open space', according to a nationwide study undertaken for the real estate industry. Conducted by American Lives, Inc, it reported that walking and biking paths ranked third among 42 features buyers said were most important, well ahead of traditional favorites such as tennis courts, golf courses and swimming pools."

The Finger Lakes Trail conference will be hosting the annual meeting of the North Country Trail Association on Aug 9-12, 2001 at Cazenovia College.

The 3rd International Trails and Greenways Conference will be Sept 26-29, 2001 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dave W. led 10 scouts and 3 leaders on a hike from Ganandagan to the firehouse on High Street on Sat., Dec. 2. This was for their 5-mile hike requirement. It took 4 ½ hours (1/2 hour for lunch) but everyone made it.

Jan 13th is designated "Winter Trails Day" by the American Hiking Society, with the emphasis on snow shoeing. Begun in 1995, and now in its fifth year, Winter Trails offers workshops, hikes, snowshoe fitting and rental.

Received holiday greetings from Rich & Sue Freeman.

Monroe County Parks has a very busy winter planned. Dave W. has their brochure listing 23 different activities for Jan. through March.

Victor Parks & Recreation has hired Steve Hendrickson as Recreation Supervisor. The Town Board created the position of Park's Maintenance Supervisor and Charlene will soon be interviewing people for that position.

The NYS DEC sent the Adirondack Forest Preserve Planning Newsletter and a schedule of meetings to gather input for their Unit Management Plan for the Adirondacks. The Rochester meeting will be Jan. 17 at the Rochester Museum & Science Center from 5 to 9 pm.

The NY Parks & Conservation Association is looking for a part-time Ride Director for the third annual Cycling the Erie Canal Bicycle Tour, to be held from July 8-15.

A&D Development will donate a small piece of land in Jacob's Landing to provide additional access to the Brace Road Park.

We received a Canal Survey from the NYS Thruway Authority.

We received a brochure on group hikes around the world.

The Town Board will be receiving a request to rezone the Roach & Kiesel properties for Office/Hotel.

Dave W. sent in info. about our trails for the new Ontario Co. Tourism brochure.

The VHT Goals of 2000 and 2001 was presented and each item was discussed briefly. Copy attached. Eagle Ceremony: January 7 at DiPacific's for John McVay. Congratulations John!

Annual Kickoff the Hiking New Year Breakfast: Jan. 13 at Brenda's at 7:30 a.m. All officers and staff and their spouses/guest are invited.

Next hike: January 13th: Black Creek. Meet at Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 25th

Meeting adjourned @ 9:26 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Kathy Manners, secretary



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Jan. 9, 2001

PROPOSED GOALS FOR 2001

TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Benderson to provide trail easement for Seneca. Based on success of Wal-Mart project.
From Auburn to Fishers Park. (Concrete block property)
Valentown Museum to Perinton across Kesel property. Based on PDD project.
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.
Ganondagan to Boughton Park.
Ownership of Auburn from RG&E to Town.
Lehigh to Fishers Park.

TRAIL CREATION/IMPROVEMENTS

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| Hansen Park- | Create trail where trolley ran. Work with parks dept. |
| Auburn Trail- | North stone bridge repair in Fishers, June or July. Have Town Highway Dept. add topping to sections with large stone. Build bridge or stepping stones over creeks at Break of Day Rd. Depends on golf course. Paint or replace gates at road crossings. |
| Lehigh- | Town Highway Dept. to add more base and compact. Paint or replace gates at road crossings. Add signs at road crossings like Monroe County version. Work with Parks dept. Create path to Auburn. May need permission from Monroe Contractors. New decking over RR trestle. |
| Seneca Trail- | Additional boardwalk through wetlands to old house. Add directional signs at Thruway on Interchange Heights property. Replace steps at Willowbrook. |
| Monkey Run- | Move entrance and reroute some paths where necessary. Update signs. |
| MaryFrances | |
| Bluebird- | Parking area needed at road off driveway. Plant trees in front. |
| Hamptons/ Wiley Estates | Create trail around pond into 100 Acre Woods |
| Dryer Road Park | Create trail from park to Fort Hill |
| Royal View Heights- | Keep trail cleared. Add signs on Benson Rd. and Fishers Rd. |
| 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- | Suggested: trailer, heavy-duty weedwacker, safety helmet w/face shield, ear protection, leather gloves. |

ADOPT A TRAIL

Seneca trail from golf driving range to Auburn Trail.
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. 8.
Consider Village Historical walk.
Corporate donations of materials with recognition (plaque and press).

EDUCATION

National Trails Day- June 2.
Nature signs for Monkey Run.
Arrange guided hikes on Nature trail at Monkey Run.
Create history trail guide.
Town and VHT Newsletters.
Guided Hikes.
Update web site.
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.



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Dec. 20, 1999

GOALS FOR 2000

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Trail to by-pass Victor Insulator. In process.
Benderson to sign revocable permit for Seneca. Easement for future.
From Auburn to Fishers Park. (Concrete block property)
Valentown Museum to Perinton across Kesel property.
Trolley trail west and north of Rt. 251. Depends on Genesee Land Trust.
Fort Hill to Dryer Road Park (working with Town).
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Auburn to Powder Mills Park.
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