

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
VICTOR TOWN HALL
02/22/01**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by David Wright at 7:35 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Attendees: Dave Wright; David Coleman; Kathy Manners; Carol MacInnes; Ruth Nellis; Norm Smith; Larry Fisher; John McVay

Last Month's Minutes: Read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Chauncy Young; reviewed by David Wright.

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	1,356.64
Savings	3,786.39
Cash	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank	5,143.03
LIABILITIES	71.70
OVERALL TOTAL	5,071.33

Membership:

There is one renewal membership and one new member this month, Jay Endsley and family of Fairport. Membership stands at 150.

Publicity: David sent a fax to local papers regarding our March 10th hike at Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Recreation Site.

Historian: NYS is buying 116 acres of land. 68 acres for the Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area in Greece and 48 acres for the Conesus Inlet Fish and Wildlife Management Area in Livingston County.

Education: Ruth Nellis found information on native plants and our upcoming hikes for the March newsletter. Some suggestions were made for the next newsletter: history of the trolley; the race of steam vs electric. When Spring finally comes, Ruth plans to begin identifying and marking the trees and plants on the various trails.

Newsletter: The Spring issue is started. Need input from Ruth and Larry. Plan to mail March 1. Town Newsletter will be out in May.

Trailmaster: The trail at The Hamptons on Gillis Road has been flagged and is ready for clearing. A path on the trolley bed at Route 251 park has also been tagged and is ready for clearing.

Trail Boss: Larry Fisher has developed a maintenance schedule for 2001, see separate sheet. Trail sweep day will be Sat. April 21. Meet at town hall at 9 AM.

Last Hike: The day before our hike we had a record high of 60 F; the morning of our hike it was about 20 F and dropping. The winds out of the North were fierce. Still, there were 10 hikers who enjoyed a walk through the woods of South Perinton.

Although the day was cold it was also beautiful – crisp and clear with plenty of sunshine to encourage the hikers to keep trudging in spite of the temperatures. We began on the east side of Turk Hill Road at Holmes' Christmas Tree Farm ending at the Girl Scout Camp trail. Carol pointed out where Crescent Trail now runs through the Jensen property and connects with the Indian Hill trail. At about 11:45 we wound back to Kay Pearson's house on Turk Hill Road where we were invited to sit in Kay's warm and inviting kitchen while the sun continued to pour its warm rays on our contented group. Kay enhanced the hospitality with hot cider and Carol made brownies for everyone. After lunch, our hearty group plunged back into the frosty air to prove that we could hike another hour or so. We picked up the Crescent trail Head in Beaumont and, thanks to Carol, circled into Rothwell's beautiful land for a lovely walk in the pines.

Old Business: Chauncy attended the Feb 1 meeting of the Victor roundtable. Plans for this year include:

- Big celebration at Hang Around Victor Day. Possible parade, historic walk.
- Lots of discussion regarding trails.

Our insurance policy has been paid by the Town.

RG&E is updating the Dryer Rd. Substation so there is a slight temporary detour.

New Business:

Amy Amish, our past editor, has a new baby boy. Steven Roy Amish was born on Jan. 15, 2001.

Marcia Bryan would like to take us on a hike in the Adirondacks during the weekend of May 18, 19, 20. This should be ideal for spring flowers and before the black flies wake up. She would also like to invite us up for Oct. 12, 13, 14. This will mean we should change our October monthly hike from the 13th to the 6th. Put these dates on your calendar and let Dave Wright know if you would like to attend either weekend or both.

Finger Lakes Inn will be publishing a new directory for their guests. In addition to restaurants and points of interest, they would like to add hiking trails. Dave W. will send them our maps and information.

Mark DeFelice of Victor Heights, is working on the layout of a new building close to the Auburn Trail. Dave W. will be meeting with him on Saturday Feb. 24 at 9 AM to discuss a trail access.

Roberta Lockwood went to her daughter and son-in-law's in Dulles, VA on 11/17/00. They have 7 children at home, 5 are being home schooled and the father is going through chemo for cancer of the lymph nodes. She hopes to be home for Easter.

We will be renewing our membership with the Victor Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge.

Dave W. received a call from a lady who wanted to place some exchange students with families who enjoy hiking. He told her to send some information and it will be included in the next newsletter.

The United Way is looking for projects for it's "Day of Caring" on Wed. April 25. They sent us an application. We can submit as many projects as we think we can manage. Dave W. & Larry felt that clearing trails for our National Trail's Day Hike and painting the gates at the road crossings would be good. Victor Parks & Rec. may also submit a project or two.

Dave W. will be the guest speaker at a Victor Garden Club meeting on Wed., March 14 at 7:30 PM in Farmington. He will pass out maps and brochures, talk about how we started, what we have accomplished so far, and what our plans are for the future. Kathy M. volunteered to accompany him.

The Town of Penfield is applying for a \$100,000 grant to improve the Linear Trail connecting Perinton and Penfield. Dave W. wrote a letter of support to NYSOPR & HD.

Peter Jemison will be asking the State for funding for new trails and would like the Town's endorsement.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting on 3/15/01 will present "The Spectre of Sprawl, The Rewards of Regionalization" at Di Pacific's, 6 PM.

A Victor Town Board appointed committee held the first meeting regarding the development of the property around High Street Extension. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 27. They will meet at Valentown Hall to walk the property. The plan is to develop guidelines for the possible development of the area, while preserving the historic character of the neighborhood. The plan will be presented to the Town Board.. Once the plan is complete it will go to a public hearing. If they accept the guidelines, they will become part of the Town's Comprehensive plan.

April: Victor was successful in winning a grant from the Genessee Transportation Council. With the assistance of a Town Board appointed committee, they will start developing a Master Plan for Trails in Victor.

Victor would also like to undertake some traffic studies as follows:

The development of some alternative routes to ease traffic through the Village.

- a. A study to extend Adams Street, currently running between Maple and School Street, west to NYS Rte. 251. It would cross 251 at Iron City and curve to the right back into NYS Rte. 96 across from Rowley.
 - b. Connect Phillips Rd. and Rte 96 to reduce traffic on Main St. Fishers.
- When grant money is available, they will apply.

Next Hike:

VHT's next hike will be March 10, Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Recreation Site, hike or cross-country ski. Located at the south end of Honeoye Lake on the West side. This high elevation area has snow when other areas are looking at spring flowers. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 AM; return around 2 PM.

Next Meeting: March 22

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The audit of VHT's books began after the meeting: Ruth, Larry and Carol are on the committee.

Kathy Manners
Secretary

CALENDAR

Mar.10-	Hike or ski Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Recreation Site
Apr. 14-	Spring flower hike at Chimney Bluffs
May 12-	Spring flower hike at Bentley Woods
May 18-20-	Adirondack Spring Weekend
June 2-	National Trails Day, dedication of new trail
June 9-	Bike Hike on Ontario Pathways
July 14-	Webster Park
Aug 11-	Stony Brook Park (meet at 8 am)
Sept. 8-	Historical hike in Victor Village. Hang Around Victor Day booth.
Oct. 6-	Wesley Hill Preserve
Oct. 12-14-	Adirondack Fall Weekend
Nov.10-	Fishers Park
Dec. 8-	Northhampton, ski or hike