

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 15, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Tom Schwarzweller
(guest fro Farmington), Warner Fisher(guest).

Last Month's Minutes: Motion by Dave C., seconded by Dave W. and carried to approve minutes from March 18, 2004 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Chauncy Young) for March.

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| CD | \$2508.76 |
| Checking | \$3303.11 |
| <u>Cash</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$5811.87 |

Membership: (David Coleman) Sent 13 post card reminders to delinquent members.

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| Previous month: | 163 |
| New members: | 0 |
| Rejoined: | 2 |
| Renewals: | 12 |
| Dropped: | 13 |
| Current: | 152 |

Publicity: (Dave Wright) Voice mail was updated. Newspapers were sent e-mail for our May 8 th hike at Durand Eastman Park.

Historian: Articles on: Spring hiking, rock climbing, tips for the trail, plans for dog parks, mountain biking on trails,

Education: (Ruth Nellis) Warner Fisher updated us on Project "All Aboard". The committee members are Warner, Lewis Fisher, Joel Richter, Mike Hauser, Steve Lewis, Roberta Lockwood, and Ruth Nellis. Babette Huber is a resource as her time allows. They have gathered lots of ideas for the signs. Warner has made good progress with Fossil Industries, a manufacturer of signs. Planning to make a presentation at NTD. Dave W. will call Ted Fafinski to see if a kiosk can be placed on the Auburn Trail at Mertensia Road and if he has any suggestions for sponsors.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) The next VHT Pathfinder will be mailed the end of May. Deadline is May 20. Finger Lakes Trail Conference would like to put a small ad in our next issue. The board agreed that would be OK. We will not charge them.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes) Nothing to report.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Materials for the bridge over Great Brook have not been ordered yet.

Fall/winter projects- Ganondagan wet areas
Widen small bridge at Auburn Golf Driving Range
Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail

Widen small bridge on Seneca Trail by the old house
Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251
Wet areas in Fishers Park
Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park.
Replant post at Brace Road
Replant post at Farmington town line.

From Dave C.- From Ganondagan to Interchange Heights, several wet area, some requiring a detour. Several trees down on the Trolley Trail, east of Rt. 251. Better signage needed by the RG&E substation.

Home Depot is interested in doing some community work in Victor. Contact store manager Wes.

Last Hike:

April 10- Brian Emelson, Victor Parks and Rec. Director, led a group of 17 hikers on a trek following the Auburn Trail from Westfall Rd. and Monroe Ave. to Schoen Place in Pittsford. After a quick lunch, they followed the Erie Canal west to where the old Erie Canal went, in back of Wegman's and the Spring House Restaurant. At Lock 62, Mike Burkard explained the sport of Geocaching and told us there is a hidden treasure near by. The sun shined most of the morning and it warmed up nicely. Thanks to Mrs. Emelson for the wonderful dessert at the end of the hike. (Don't expect that to happen very often.)

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- Still waiting for update from Bergmann Associates.

Auburn TEP Grant- Core group met April 8 for an update. Design phase is hoping to finish end of May. Construction will start on town owned lands first.

GPS- Dave W., Brian E. and Chauncy met with Kristin Bennett on Tuesday, March 23 at 4 PM at the VEC, to review the existing trails and the proposed future trails to make connections and fill gaps. Kristin is studying the maps and will make some recommendations for future trails.

Bridge Inventory- Waiting for better weather. Will do Monkey Run, Bluebird, Lehigh Crossing, Seneca Trail South and 100 Acres.

Oldcastle Domine Trail- Dave sent an e-mail reminder to Jim L. Still waiting for revocable permit from them. No response to last e-mail.

New Brochure- 5000 received on 4/9/04. They look great. Delivered to Town Hall, Village Hall, Chamber, LDC, Welcome Wagon.

National Trails Day- Suggestion

7:30 to 9:00 AM- Breakfast at Fishers Fire House on Main Street Fishers, prepared and served by Boy Scouts from Troop 60, 61. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for under 12 in advance. \$2.00 extra at the door. Menu is on the brochure.

9:00 to 9:20 AM- Welcome, introductions, short explanation of trail improvements.

9:20 to 9:30 AM- Ceremonial photo op of "first shovel" of the construction phase of the improvements.

9:30 to 11:30 AM- Guided hike to Mead Square. Water break and fresh fruit at Route 251.(LDC)

11:30 to 1:00 PM- Lunch with Pontillo's. Transport hikers back to Fishers as needed. Tents at Fishers, Rt. 251 and Mead Square. Displays at Fishers and Mead Square. Dave W. submitted the information to the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection web site.

Adirondack Spring Hike- May 21-23. Sign-up with Dave C. Tentatively going are Larry, Brenda Reeb, Dave W., Dave C., Jackie Morris, Rob Levins, Denise Paley, Jane Luce.

Thompson Hospital 5K- Sunday, April 25th, morning in Mead Square. We will share a tent with LDC to promote trails, VHT and National Trails Day. Race starts at 9:00 AM. Registration starts at 7:30 AM. Need a couple of volunteers to answer questions about VHT.

Farmers Market- Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 7 PM starting in mid-May. We will set up our tent on Wednesday, May 26th, which is the official opening of the market, to promote trails, VHT and National Trails Day. Need to set-up by 2:30 PM. Dave W. and Roberta L. will be there. If you are available to help, please call Dave at 924-3709.

Eagle Project- Dave W. and Brian E. met with Chris Bocchino from Troop 50 regarding his project at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven. He is planning to make two benches to be placed along the trail and plant some fruit trees.

Trail Works, Inc.- They sponsored a seminar on Saturday March 27 from 8:45 AM to noon at the American Legion in Williamson (Rt. 21 at Ridge Road). Subject was YES! TRAILS IN MY BACKYARD. Kristin Bennett, Dave Schaeffer, Irene Szabo and Dave Wright were panelists. They had a good turnout of residents and farm owners. Lots of questions and comments.

Historical Home Plaques- On May 13th at 8 PM, Babette Huber will be presenting 6 plaques to Victor owners of historical homes at town hall. The public is invited to share the celebration.

Parks Brochure- Bill Lew, Parks and Rec. part time staff, has a rough draft of a Victor Parks brochure. Dave W. critiqued it.

Geocaching- Brian has been working with Michael Burkard of New York Geocaching Organization, a group that is trying to collect all of the municipality park rules and then educate their members on where they can and cannot place caches.

NYS Rec & Parks Society Annual Conference and Business Expo- Will be held in April 2005 in Rochester. Brian E. is on the committee to find presenters. He has invited Kristin B. and Dave W. to be a presenters.

Sierra Club Environmental Forum- To be held on Tuesday April 20 at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Featured speaker is from the NYS DEC. We agreed to rent one-half of a table for \$10. Dave W. will attend. If you can help, call Dave at 924-3709. We will be handing out our brochures.

Victor Roundtable- Parks brochure and newsletter will be mailed April 23. May 22 will be the dedication of Dryer Road Park. The children's play equipment is being installed this week. Aug. 1 is the Valentown Peddler's Market. June 7 the Kiwanis is sponsoring a

golf tournament. June 11-13 will be celebrate Victor. The village is 125 years old. The VFD is 100 years old. May 31 is Memorial Day parade.

New Business:

Victor-Farmington Rotary- Tom Schwarzweller, Farmington Recreation Commission and Victor-Farmington Rotary, is heading up a project to put a nature trail in Mertensia Park in Farmington, next to the Auburn Trail. They are looking for help in spreading wood chips on Saturday, May 8. If you are not going on our hike and have an hour or two to spare, they would love the help.

Walkable Communities Committee- Met April 8 to study the map of existing sidewalks and trails. Major concerns are High Street, School Street, Church Street/County Road 9, and the area east of the Village. Dave W. asked Kristin to make recommendations. Next meeting is May 6th at the Town Hall at 7 PM.

Renaissance Ridge- New subdivision (Turner) on Modock Road. Dave W. blazed a trail around the perimeter of the property and collected the GPS data. Need to check if it is entirely within the trail easement granted by the developer (Pooler). The developer agreed to plant 17 evergreens on the north property line to buffer an existing home (Michael and Sandra Schneider)at 7571 Modock Rd. The trees need to be between the trail and their back yard. Dave W. will meet with the developer and residents on 4/17/04 at noon to stake out the location of the trees.

CREATING WALKABLE COMMUNITIES- THE NEXT STEP. June 16 & 17, conference in Rochester at Clarion Riverside Hotel. See Dave W. for details.

HIKING EXCHANGE- Suggestion was made to invite a hiking group from Toronto to hike with us on a favorite trail in the Finger Lakes. Then they would invite us to hike with them on a trail in the Toronto area. Is anyone interested in pursuing this?

National Fuel- Recently purchased Empire Gas line. May want to expand the gas line to the south. The RG&E corridor would be their first choice in Victor. Dave W. and Jack Richter met with their representatives from Buffalo and Rush on April 8th at Jack's office. They wanted us to know that there is a possibility that future needs (after 2006) may require adding the gas line next to our trail.

EMS sale- Spring Club Days is April 23 &24 at the Market Place store.. Show your VHT membership card and get a discount.

Next Hike:

May 8, Durand Eastman Park near Lake Ontario. Meet at Town Hall at 9 AM or the golf parking lot at 9:45 AM.

Next Meeting:

May 20, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Schedule of Hikes and meetings for 2004- Clip and save

- May 8- Hike Durand Eastman Park.
- May 20- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- May 21-23- Adirondack Spring Hike
- June 5- National Trails Day. Hike the Auburn Trail from Firehouse 1 to Mead Square
- June 12- Bike ride on the Genesee Greenway
- June 17- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- July 10- Creek walk at Conklin's Gully
- July 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Aug. 14- Creek walk at Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully
- Aug. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Sept. 4- Ring of Fire
- Sept. 11- Hang Around Victor Day. Guided loop hike in Village.
- Sept. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Sept. 17-19 - Adirondack Fall hike
- Oct. 9- Hike Finger Lakes Trail through Hi Tor
- Oct. 14- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Nov. 13- Hike Ellison Park
- Nov. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 11- Hike Cummings Nature Center
- Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM

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