

Victor Hiking Trail Meeting at Victor Town Hall

May 18, 2006

Attendance: Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Brian Emelson, Jeff Hennick, Jeff Morrell

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes of April 20, 2006

Motion to accept by Chauncy, seconded by Larry. Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report by Chauncy Young.

CD	\$3533
Checking	\$3683
Total	\$7216

Membership Report by David Coleman.

126	members last month
12	renewals
2	new member
1	rejoined
129	total

Publicity

Dave Wright will update the phone message & send out press releases for our June 3 National Trails Day hike & bike ride and our June 10 bike ride on the Ontario Pathways. The Victor Herald wrote a nice article on hiking and trails in Victor.

Education

No report.

Newsletter by Dave Wright

Next issue will be mailed by May 30th.

Trail Master by Carol MacInnes

Carol talked to Jane Luce regarding the possibility of a sidewalk along the new road from Omnitech to Rt. 96.

MOTION that Dave Wright send a letter to the Town Board requesting a sidewalk be provided when the road is constructed, by Chauncy, seconded by Jeff. Approved.

Trail Boss

Larry reported that trail maintenance has started. No weather cancellations. Growth was slow during the dry period, but is normal now. Come out on Wednesday nights, Saturday and Sunday mornings for an hour of "shear" enjoyment. The schedule is on the website calendar.

Last Hike

We had 7 hikers and one dog on the Spring Farm hike. Saw lots of wild flowers. The trillium were just about done. Hiked every trail on the property and then some. Had lunch at the pavilion. Drove over to Phelps and hiked a small portion of the Ontario Pathways over Flint Creek. For a crummy forecast, turned out to be a nice day.

Old Business

License plate holder fund raiser. Proof was approved. Dave gave them the go ahead to order 250. Dave will pick up and pay for when they are in.

Earth Day was Saturday, April 22, 2006. Had a good turnout for work on Fishers Park trail. Placed about 5 truck loads of stone on the trail. Still have work to do on the trail as well as the new trail over to the ball field and a bridge replacement. Need one more load of big stone. Need next layer of smaller stone on top of base stone. Brian has some interns starting early June that will be able to work on the trail during the week. Joe Logan is designing a 40' bridge for Fishers Park.

National Trails Day is June 3, 2006. We will hike Fishers Park and bike the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. Chauncy will check to see if Tim Horton's will supply products for the continental breakfast. Sent post card to all VHT members. We will have a couple of tents, some tables and chairs, signs of the Auburn Trail projects. We will have a booth at first Farmer's Market day on May 31. There is a coloring contest for kids 12 and under.

ADK Expo 2006 will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Mendon Ponds Park. Need volunteers to man our booth. So far we have Loki for the morning. Carol volunteered to be there at noon to 2 pm. Anyone else?

SAFTEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)- Town will apply for grant.

Bridge over Great Brook at the Apple Farm. Need to re-look at the site to verify span. Need to get material list and cost of materials and schedule a weekend to preassemble it at the Town Parks Facility. Brian will review grant money town received for trail improvements. Fritz B. may be available to help us, depending on his schedule. Then we should be able to transport the material in from either Apple Farm, Murray Road or Christmas Tree Farm. Plan for August construction.

Trail at Falcon's Nest- Need to schedule a day to flag the trail.

Next Victor Parks Public Input meeting is Wednesday, June 14th at 7 PM at Victor Town Hall. Please try to attend to give your input on how the Victor Municipal Park and Papparone Park on Brace Road should be utilized.

New Business

Jeff Morrell presented his proposed project on the currently zoned light industrial property on Wangum Road, across from the concrete block plant. The plans call for 100 apartment units (10 units in 10 buildings), approximately 100 "empty nester" patio homes and about 12 single family homes. The property is directly south of Fishers Park. It would provide access to the park as well as the Lehigh Trail. Morrell Builders believe that trails and parks are an asset to neighborhoods.

Jeff felt that developers should be required to put sidewalks in their project. If it doesn't make sense for a specific project, either the planning board or the zoning board can make an exception. Jeff also feels street trees every 40' should be mandatory. 4-5" caliper, 7' off the curb to canopy the street and shade the sidewalk.

Jeff will write a letter of support for our application of the SAFTEA-LU grant.

Brian will write a letter of interest regarding Jeff's project requesting park access and parking concerns.

Jeff will consider paying the first year's membership to VHT of his Victor new home clients, moving forward.

There was discussion on the desire of VHT to have a trail on the Domine Block property east of Wangum Road and north of the Lehigh Trail. Jeff will talk to the owners to see if we can get at least a Revocable Permit from them for a trail to connect the Lehigh with the Auburn.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition has a new Grant program for small projects. We discussed a variety of projects in Victor and decided to apply for funds to help with the decking and railing on the trestle bridge over the Auburn. A rubber mat down the center would be for the bikes and horses. This could be a supplement to the SAFTEA-LU grant from VHT. Dave and Brian will submit the application. Deadline is June 30, 2006.

Chauncy filed our IRS 990 form for taxes for 2005.

Dave W. has new brochures of other trail groups.

Public input meeting for Victor Municipal Park and Papparone Park- June 14th at 7:00 PM at the Victor Town Hall. Please attend and voice your opinion on how these two parks should be utilized.