



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street * Victor * New York * 14564-1397

**May 27, 1999
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM with 9 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Douglas Fisher	Roberta Lockwood
Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman	Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher
Ruth Nellis			

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as corrected (typos).

Treasurer's Report:

April:	CD	2000.00
	Checking account	559.94
	Savings account	3482.70
	Total	6042.64

Pack, Paddle & Ski donated \$25.

Membership:

No new memberships.

Total number of households is 123.

Publicity:

Dave W. faxed a notice to the newspapers regarding National Trails Day hike on June 5 and the bike ride on June 12.

Historian:

Articles on the following were submitted: Genesee Greenway, Sue and Rich Freeman, nature trails grant for Fairport wetlands, national award won by Trail Works, Inc., Wayne County, Bluebird Society field trip to Ken Waters' property and the MaryFrances Bluebird Sanctuary, Valentown Museum and Chimney Bluffs hike.

Education:

Dave proposed 9"X12" laminated signs be placed at points of significance along the Auburn and Seneca Trails. They would be mounted on 4"X4" posts on the side of the trail. Points of interest may include: Railroad Mills, Irondequoit Creek Bridge, Thruway, Old site of the pond on the north side of Main St. Fishers, Cobblestone pump house, potato warehouse, Lehigh trestle, mystery accident on the Lehigh at the trestle (1952), cement "W" posts and battery boxes, trolley race with steam engine. Much information can be obtained from Lewis' book and possibly from Sheldon Fisher. The same can be done at Monkey Run when the new trails are done.

Newsletter:

The spring issue of the Victor town newsletter was mailed to all residents early this month. VHT had nearly two full pages of coverage. The fall issue will be mailed late October with a deadline of mid Sept.

The VHT summer newsletter is ready for printing this weekend. The next newsletter will be Sept. 1. Send ideas to Dave.

Trailmaster:

Carol and Ruth visited the Simonds on Dryer Rd.. They are firm on wanting the portion of the Seneca Trails on their land pulled out. This has been completed by Larry and Dave. Having lost this link between Dryer and Ganondagan, the Seneca has now been rerouted to rte.444 and onto the northeast corner of Ganondagan.

Trail Boss:

Larry talked with Frank Tambe who approved the portion of the Seneca on his property on Willowbrook. Carol will send him the revocable permit to sign and send back to us

Larry spoke with Debby Wegman of RG&E; it is a possibility to bring the Seneca out to the substation on Dryer at rte. 444.

Chauncy mowed all of the Lehigh and would like to adopt it. Dave and Harry Lloyd will update their records. Thanks Chauncy!!!

Sign posts have been added to the Seneca trail on rte.96 at rte.251 and on rte.444 at Ganondagan, noting the trail's position.

The trail through Ganondagan from rte.444 to the old trail has been blazed and mowed.

Last Hike:

5 hikers enjoyed the many wildflowers at Chimney Bluffs.

The spring Adirondack hike with Marcia included Larry, Dave, and Shannon Bradley. They hiked Tongue Mountain overlooking Lake George on Saturday, and Chimney Mountain near Indian Lake on Sunday. There, too, were many wildflowers as well as black flies. The weather was great. See newsletter for details.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

At the last Victor Planning Board meeting, the following issues were addressed:

- Victor-Egypt Rd. development was approved; there will be 33 lots on 22 acres, 5 acres for conservation and a sidewalk on the east side only of the road.
- Kodak Polychrome will build in the industrial park on rte 251 across from Strong Rd. adjacent to the Lehigh. They would like a path from the employee's picnic area to the Lehigh. Dave suggested they have a bike rack for employees who want to bike to work.
- B.J.'s will take the old Caldor's building by Eastview along with 21.6 acres, 8.4 of which have been designated "no build" and are mostly on the steep slope.
- Development of Ryon's old property (Monkey Run) is scheduled for presentation at the June 8 meeting; members are urged to attend; call Town Hall in the morning to make sure it is on the agenda.

- Aldridge Heights, "Village on the Park", located at the end of Aldridge at Co. Rd. 9 may also be on the June 8 agenda.

Growth Management meeting:

- Town Board may declare a 6-month moratorium on new development applications. A consultant recommended more tools to consider, including purchase of development rights.
- Rosemary Graham would like to see the replacement of signs on major roads leading into Victor with those such as Mendon's.

Congratulations to Alice Hunt on being named New York State Town Clerk of the Year. Alice will be retiring 12/31/99. Deborah Denz may be running for the position.

The Town Board created a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, 2 people from the town, 2 from the village and 1 at large. They will develop goals and a time line to present to the board.

Genesee Transportation Council and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is spearheading a "Share the Road" campaign. Cards have been printed giving tips to motorists and bicyclists. The bike map will be updated and improved.

Hang Around Victor Day is Sat. Sept. 11. Chauncy will send in \$25 for our booth.

The New York State Parks and Conservation Association is having a round table meeting on Wed., June 9, 1999, 2-5PM, at the Camillus Erie Canal Park. It is a forum for greenway and rail-trail leaders to share information. Rich & Sue might attend.

NYS Canal System will be having a Cruise and Trail Trek July 6-18, 1999. It will start at Whitehall and go to Tonawanda, passing through Fairport the morning of July 16.

Joseph Pasquini informed us the RG&E will be installing poles on the Auburn between rte. 251 and Phillips. Questions? Call him at 747-3392, pager 528-7646.

60 Intermediate School students will be re-mulching the trail at Harlan-Fisher Memorial Park off Lynaugh Rd. on June 7.

Douglas attended the Finger Lakes Land Trust meeting where he talked to the Pittsford town supervisor and was informed that the Auburn section in Pittsford could connect up to the Victor section on Railroad Mills Rd.

Next Hike:

National Trails Day June 5. Meet at Valentown Museum at 9AM to car pool up to Ganondagan for a hike along the Seneca Trail. Park in the lower lot on Boughton Hill Rd. Plan on at least 4 hours, bring water and lunch.

Bike ride the Auburn and Lehigh to Mendon June 12. Meet at Fishers Fire Hall #1, Main Street Fishers at 9AM

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., June 24, 1999.

Adjournment: 9:06PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis
Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

June 5 9 AM National Trails Day, hike Seneca Trail

June 12 9 AM Bike Auburn and Lehigh Trails to Mendon

June 24 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

July 10 9 AM Hike Dish Mill Creek at Letchworth

July 22 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Aug. 14 9 AM Hike Genesee Gorge/Seneca Park

Aug. 26 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

“Frogs singing in the evening indicate a fair tomorrow.” From Yankee Weather Proverbs