

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Nov. 18, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Dave Coleman, Jeff Cody, Kristin Bennett, Karen Hansen, Larry Rhoades, Jane Luce, Jim Mattoon.

Walkable Communities Report:

The committee met at 7:00 PM and discussed the trail/sidewalk map, what the overall goal or philosophy of the town is relating to pedestrian travel, Main Street improvements, High Street underpass solutions, School Street, wide shoulders vs. sidewalks, standards for both, putting all of this in the Comprehensive Plan and Town Code and adding to the Design and Construction Standards. Kristin has input from the town, VHT and the county. She is working on a report for the town.

Last Month's Minutes:

Motion by Larry, seconded by Chauncy and carried to approve minutes from Oct. 21, 2004 meeting.

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

CD	\$3023
Checking	\$2639
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total	 \$5662

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month:	159
New members:	2
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	7
Dropped:	0
Current:	161

Publicity: (Dave Wright)

Voice mail will be updated. Newspapers will be sent e-mail for our hike in Dec. 11.
(Done on 11/20/04)

Historian:

Article on our Nov. and Dec. hikes in the D&C, dedication of the new Lehigh Valley Railroad Multi-Use Trail in Henrietta and Brighton.

Education: No report.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright)

Next VHT newsletter will be mailed Dec. 20. Deadline for stories is Dec. 10.
Community Newsletter will be mailed in Jan. Deadline was Nov. 17. Dave W. submitted a story on the Lehigh-Auburn Trail connection work party.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes)

Carol will try to contact the resident on Break of Day Road.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Bridge over Great Brook by the Insulator Co. was put back over the creek on Sunday, Nov. 8th with the help of the Chauncy, Larry Fisher and family (wife, brothers and sister-in-laws) and Frank from the Fishers Fire District. Jim Mattoon installed the hand rails and removed the TRAIL CLOSED signs. A BIG thank you to all!

We had a great day on Sat. October 23rd for clearing the connection between the Lehigh and Auburn Trails. Thanks to Bonnie Seitz, Chauncy, Dave Coleman, Jeff Hennick, Larry Fisher, two Town Highway Dept. workers, Brian Emelson and Rich Brauer for six hours of heavy-duty work. Thanks to Brian for supplying the pizza and drinks for lunch.

Future projects-

Ganondagan wet areas

Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail

Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251

Wet areas in Fishers Park. We have boardwalk to use.

Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park. Larry testing new design.

Still need to mark trail access points on our map and give to the emergency responders.

Last Hike:

Nineteen hikers met at 9:45 a.m. at Ellison Park for a great morning of hiking the trails. Hiked about 4 miles with a stop for lunch at one of the shelters. It was sunny, but windy and cool.

Old Business:

Auburn TEP Grant- Construction continues on the Lehigh from Old Dutch Road to the trestle. New ramps at Old Dutch are in. Subbase stone to be spread and rolled by 11/24. Top soil along sides of trail to be placed. Additional clearing at Lehigh-Auburn connection to be done. Fencing to be placed on the Lehigh prior to the trestle. Chauncy placed fencing at Mendon line.

GPS- Dave W. collected the data for the trail south of Monkey Run and gave it to the county planning dept.

Bridge Inventory- Will do Monkey Run, Bluebird, Lehigh Crossing, Seneca Trail South and 100 Acres in the winter.

Oldcastle Domine Trail- Chauncy talked to Jim at the plant and will follow up again.

Eagle Project- Chris Bocchino will be making one or two benches for MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

Trail Maps using GPS- Jeff H. is checking to see if he can use the raw data to create maps for VHT.

Grant Opportunity-

Dave W. submitted a proposal to AHS and received a postcard stating that the proposal was received and that winners would be notified in March.

Dryer Road Park

Construction of the park building is progressing.

The Fairways

Dave W. met with the developer on 10/25. They are agreeable to a trail through the golf course area, using the boardwalks.

Bel Arbor

The developer did not want trails in the conservation area.

Project All Aboard

Mailed brochures to several interested residents and business owners.

Victor History Books

Gave eight (8) copies to Babette Huber to sell to people interested in Victor history.

New Business:

Election:

Motion by Larry, seconded by Chauncy to elect the slate of nominees. Approved.

Chair-	Dave Wright
Vice Chair-	Jeff Hennick
Secretary-	Open
Treasurer-	Chauncy Young
Trailmaster-	Carol MacInnes
Trail Boss-	Larry Fisher

Appointed for one year:

Membership-	Dave Coleman
Education-	Ruth Nellis
Publicity-	Dave Wright
Historian-	Roberta Lockwood
Editor-	Dave Wright

Wild animals- A resident on Willowbrook Rd. called to say two coyotes were seen during the day in their backyard, near the Seneca Trail.

Hunters- A resident on Fishers Circle called to say there are hunters, ATVs and bikes on the Auburn, after dark. Wants to know if we can put No Hunting signs up.

Mt. Kilimanjaro Lead Guide Available to Speak

Yusuf Hemed will be in the Rochester area from Nov. 23 to Jan 10. He would like to speak to interested groups about what it is like to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro as a job and what life is like in Tanzania. Call Rick French at 346-5597 if you know of a group that would be interested.

Genesee Waterways Center

The center will be hosting speakers on outdoor recreation and conservation in the coming months. Nov. 16th was Gary Fallesen speaking about his climbing adventures all over the world. Dec. will be Bill Young talking about fly fishing for salmon in exotic places like

Iceland, Norway, Russia and Mongolia. January will be Dennis Money presenting a success story on the New York River Otter Project. Additional speakers will be continued through April. Call 328-3960 for additional details.

Pumpkin Walk

Barb Bensink and Karen Hansen would like to create a pumpkin walk in Victor next Oct. It would be on one of our trails. It would not conflict with Ontario Pathways. They would involve the entire community to provide jack-o-lanterns.

This is a very successful fund raiser for Ontario Pathways.

If they plan to have it on the Trolley Trail between Maple and School Street, with parking in the Fireman's Field, they need to get permission from the Village.

It was also suggested to consider the Auburn Trail between Mickey Finn's and Brace Road.

Mountain Bike Trails

Brian Emelson is having concept discussions with a non-profit regarding a mountain bike trail in Dryer Road Park or on private lands in Victor.

Graphic Artist

Andy Reddout, a Victor resident and Art Director has volunteered to help us with our visuals. Thank you Andy.

Trail Host

GRTC would like to know if offering to help visitors to our area find the best trails, vistas, bike routes, places to eat and stay by enlisting trail users would be acceptable. The general consensus was yes.

Next Hike:

Dec. 11- Powder Mills Park. Meet at the Fish Hatchery at 9:15 AM. Bring a bag lunch and drink.

Next Meeting:

Dec. 16- Holiday party.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Schedule of VHT hikes and meetings for remainder of 2004-2005

Clip and save

- Dec. 11- Hike at Powder Mills Park. Meet at the Fish Hatchery at 9:15 AM..
- Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM

2005 Hikes

- Jan. 8 Palmer's Pond, Belmont, NY
- Feb. 12 Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, Rt. 370N
- Mar. 12 Wesley Hill Preserve, Naples
- Apr. 9 1000 Acre Swamp, Penfield
- May 14 Lehigh Trail, from Chauncy's house to Rush, on bikes
- Jun. 4 National Trails Day, Victor to Fishers
- Jun. 11 Quinn Oak Openings, Honeoye Falls
- July 9 Creek walk
- Aug. 13 Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch
- Sept. 3 Ring of Fire, Bare Hill, 5pm supper picnic
- Sep. 10 Hang Around Victor Day
- Oct. 8 Canadice Lake Trail
- Nov. 12 Rifle Range Trail, Penfield, Irondequoit Bay
- Dec. 10 Indian Hill Trail, Perinton

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