

Ponds Park. They are in the middle of a fund drive in support of their activities. Carol, seconded by Larry, made a motion to make a VHT donation of \$100 to The Cross Country Ski Foundation. Approved.

NEXT HIKE:

Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, cross-country skiing at Harriet Hollister Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. Bring your skis and/or snowshoes, and dress for the weather. We will return to Victor around 3 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Carol, seconded by Chauncy. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

2007 HIKES AND EVENTS

- Mar.10 → Dryer Road Park
- Apr.14 → Turning Point Park Bike Ride
- May12 → Farmington Nature Trail, MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, Monkey Run
- Jun.2 → National Trails Day: Fishers Firehouse 2 on Seneca Trail to Auburn Trail to Paparone Park to Parks and Recreation Headquarters; shuttle cars available.
- Jun.9 → Mendon Ponds Park. Outdoor Expo.
- Jul.14 → Clark's Gully and Briggs Gully Creek walk.
- Aug.11 → Garnsey Road; McCoord Woods, Horizon Hill section
- Sep.8 → Hang Around Victor Day.
- Oct.13 → Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol branch.
- Nov.10 → New Webster trails.
- Dec.8 → Helmer Nature Center, Durand Eastman Park, and new Lakeshore Trail at Seabreeze.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry Fisher

The BillyGoats are sleeping in Larry's basement, resting up for spring. Larry reported a box elder tree blown down, blocking a portion of the Auburn trail next to the Fishers Pump House.

LAST HIKE

Five intrepid hikers enjoyed a morning hike on full bellies at Powder Mills Park, following the trails around the perimeter of the park, where possible. There was a little mist in the air, which changed to snow later in the hike, and lots of mud under foot. Chauncy was able to add to his pictorial collection of bridge construction methods.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright.....still only \$5.00. **Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!!**

Bridges over creeks: Chauncy reported that he is waiting for Army COE approval.

Trails Central website is up and running. Please visit it ([www.trailsnewyork.org](http://www.trailsnewyork.org)) and give Jeff Hennick some good feedback.

Information is still being sought regarding the train derailment on the Lehigh Valley RR trestle near Phillips Road. **Contact Dave Wright or Chauncy Young.**

NEW BUSINESS:

VHT members Barb and Ed Steiner have recently moved to Clayton, N.C. They invite their VHT friends to give them a call if they are in the Raleigh area and are interested in hiking some trails in North Carolina. We wish them the best.

Senior citizen housing is proposed at the end of East St., in the village, between Great Brook Apts. and Victor Municipal Park. The town will continue to have access to the park from East St., and there will be parking for at least two cars for trail maintenance and/or hikers.

National Trails Day is celebrating 15 years in 2007 on Saturday, June 2. VHT will participate; see calendar below. More details to follow, as the date gets closer. Plan on joining us for a great day of hiking.

We were reminded that 2007 marks 15 years for the incorporation of Victor Hiking Trails as well. It was decided that Hang Around Victor Day in September would be a good time to recognize this milestone.

Our telephone message line received a call from a trail maintainer in Irving, MA., who was looking for trail sign information. Dave W. called him and gave him information about our signs.

Our supply of trail markers is getting low. Larry will investigate currently available styles, materials, and pricing prior to ordering more. He will also assess our supply of trail-marking paint, as needs in this area were noted for various trails.

Carol brought to our attention that the Cross Country Ski Foundation, located in Monroe County, has agreed to groom XC ski trails at Fishers Park and in the future at Dryer Rd. Park, in addition to their main job at Mendon

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 12/31/06.....

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| CD           | \$ 0         |
| Checking     | \$ 9,262.76  |
| Total        | \$ 9,262.76  |
| Other assets | \$ 2,553.84  |
| Total assets | \$ 11,816.60 |

2006 fundraiser highlights: Duathlon, Hang Around Victor Days, Jack-o-Lantern Trail, License frames.

Motion by Nat, seconded by Larry to accept the report. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman

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| Members last month | 119        |
| Renewals           | 9          |
| New members        | 2          |
| Rejoined           | 2          |
| Dropped            | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>123</b> |

PUBLICITY:

Dave Wright updated the phone message and sent a press release to the Daily Messenger and Democrat & Chronicle for our Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> ski outing at Hollister Park.

EDUCATION:

Ruth was on vacation. There was an article in the Daily Messenger on 1/05/07 about the Finger Lakes Land Trust purchasing 32 acres that includes a portion of Briggs Gully, adjacent to Wesley Hill Nature Preserve. We are scheduled to lead a hike there on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

The next issue will be mailed in March. Please send articles to Dave at [dwright@victorhikingtrails.org](mailto:dwright@victorhikingtrails.org)

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

No activity.

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS  
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL  
JAN. 18, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Nat Fisher.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:30 PM.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kim Thompson, Bergmann Assoc.

At the request of Dave W., Kim gave those present an update of the revised plans for Victor Crossing off Rt.96 adjacent to Exit 45, with the purpose of soliciting input for modifications to existing trails and other trail improvement ideas possible as part by this project.

As a result of modifications to Phase I of the project, buildings have been pushed north and west as far as possible, resulting in a larger buffer area to existing houses to the east and reducing the height of the retaining wall needed at the back of the development.

Discussion centered on possible connectors to the Seneca Trail, a portion of which runs along the eastern boundary of the project. A new access point would be feasible from Rt.96, following the northern boundary of the project, circling around the eastern boundary, to connect with the existing trail on the Scala property. This could provide access to hikers from Hampton Inns, as well as hikers starting from parking lots in the project. From the emergency driveway at the south end of Phase I, a connector trail could be explored as well. A second hiking area was discussed, using the emergency driveway, which is planned to connect the retail project with Willowbrook Rd, at the present entrance site. This road will be gated at each end and remain gravel surfaced, available only to emergency vehicles. Appropriate signage would be necessary to ensure that parked cars did not block either end of this emergency road; possible designated parking areas were discussed.

Lots of good discussion, with a willingness shown by the developer to help bring the best ideas to fruition.

MINUTES OF DEC. 12, 2006 MEETING:

No changes.

Motion to accept as written made by Larry, seconded by Carol. Approved.