

# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

## MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

January 17, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnes, Dave Coleman, Ralph Weber, Larry Fisher, Nat Fisher. Guests Eric Eagan, Sheila Eagan, Ben Murphy.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:35 p.m.

Eric and Sheila Eagan, and Ben Murphy, all representing TrailsRoc, a Rochester based off-road running group made a presentation of an event they are planning to hold later this year. They are asking for permission to use a portion of the Seneca Trail to connect to the Crescent Trail to complete a trail half marathon on July 20. As this portion of the Seneca Trail has not yet received all landowner approvals nor been blazed, discussion centered on the best possible location of the trail to connect up with the Crescent Trail and a plan to gather the necessary approvals. VHT is in support of this activity and will work with the trail group from Perinton to complete an appropriate trail connector in time for the event in July.

**MINUTES** of December 20 meeting:

Motion by Wizzy, seconded by Pete. Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chauncy Young

As of 12/31/12:

Checking and savings - \$6,111

Other assets - \$1,869

Total assets - \$ 7,980

Motion by Larry. Seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Pete reported 179 current members. There are 85 memberships due for renewal notification.

**PUBLICITY:** The phone message will be updated and a press release made announcing the February 9 hike Mendon Ponds Park after the Moonlight Hike on January 26. Our hikes and meetings are on the Victor Town calendar.

**EDUCATION:** The first educational hike of the year will be at Mendon Ponds on Feb. 9.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Wizzy reported that Joanie Towarnicky, who did a wonderful job getting area sponsors each year to support National Trail Day, is leaving the area. We sincerely appreciate all that Joanie did volunteering for VHT, and we will all miss her.

**NEWSLETTER:** The Spring Newsletter will be sent out soon after the March meeting. Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.

**TRAILMASTER:** To support the efforts of Trail Roc in organizing an off-road half marathon in July, Carol will attempt to hasten the identification and completion of the section of the Seneca Trail from Valentown to the connection with The Crescent Trail.

**TRAIL BOSS:** No report.

**LAST HIKE:** Harriet Hollister was closed on Jan 12, due to warm conditions. No one showed up for the hike, so 5 VHT members decided to use the warm day to get the blazing work done at Dryer Road Park. Many thanks to Bruce Fisher, Nat Fisher, Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, and Dave Coleman for getting this done. Many hands make light work!

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The meeting on January 8, at Victor Parks and Recreation, identified a number of items that would like to be done this year to enhance the new Auburn Trail extension. The amount completed will be dependent on limitations in the Town budget.

Back by popular demand, a Moonlight Hike is being planned for Saturday, January 26, 2013. We will gather at 7 p.m. in the parking lot at Mickey Finn's. An approximately 1 ½ hour hike (or X/C ski or snowshoe) will bring us back to the starting point for some refreshments.

Babette Huber, Town of Victor Historian, has published a new book on the history of Victor. She has agreed to sell a number of books to VHT at a discount, in order for VHT to raise money by re-selling them at the retail price of \$16. An initial purchase of 10 books was approved at the September meeting. VHT will offer the books for sale at functions throughout the coming year.

A new Eagle Scout project has been planned by Mark Krueger. He will build five (5) picnic tables and place them at specific locations on Victor trails. He will begin the project in the spring.

National Trails Day is June 1 and to celebrate the completion of the Auburn Trail through the town, we will walk the entire length, starting at Mertensia Park in Farmington at the south end, and finishing at Powder Mills Park. Along with refreshments at the start point, there will be stop at Fishers House 1 for lunch. Pete has written to reserve the Mertensia pavilion for the morning of June 1. Chauncy will obtain permission from Fishers Fire Dept. for the use of the kitchen at House 1.

Dave will follow up with Brian Emelson as to timing on communicating with the town board to get support and financial backing for a packaged program by OnCell Systems, previously reviewed by Victor non-profits.

The annual Penfield Hiker's Jamboree will be held at Penfield Town Hall on February 16 at 9 a.m. VHT will take part in the program.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Emily Waldman submitted a proposal for a mural to be painted on the Thruway underpass on the Auburn Trail in Fishers. Dave will contact her to get more details on her submission.

We received a report from Parks and Trails New York on the trail count project that VHT participated in last summer. *The results will be published in our Spring newsletters*

The Friends of Webster Trails contacted Jeff to discuss trail maps, both interactive and printable. Jeff responded that he would like to help them out in any way that he could.

## **NEXT HIKE:**

The next outing will be February 9, an educational hike at Mendon Ponds Park. Details can be found on the VHT phone message, as well as in The Victor Post.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

## Schedule of '13 hikes/outings:

- Feb 9 - Mendon Ponds Park (educational hike)
- Mar 9 - Fishers hamlet trails, ending at Chauncy's house.
- Apr 13 - Braddock's Bay
- May 4 - Historic Victor walk (repeat of 10/13/2012 event)
- May 11 - White Brook Nature Trail
- May 17-19 Adirondack hike weekend
- Jun 1 - National Trails Day
- Jun 8 - Ontario Pathways
- Jun 8 - ADK Expo at Mendon Ponds Park
- Jul 13 - Griffis Sculpture Park, Zoar Valley
- Aug 10 - Letchworth Park
- Sep 7 - Hang Around Victor Days
- Sep 29 - Seneca Trail Challenge hike
- Oct 10<sup>2</sup> - Finger Lakes Trail, Prattsburg
- Nov 9 - Ganondagan / Dryer Rd. Pk (educational)
- Dec 14 - Seneca Park / El Camino trail

## Historic Markers Tour

1. **Jigonsaseh** located at Ganondagan State Historic Site, State Rte. 444 and Boughton Hill Road
2. **Denonville's Army Ambushed** located across from 7315 Willowbrook Road
3. **Park Place** located on Rowley Road (in front of Cole and Parks)
4. **Seneca Trail** located at 236 High Street Extension
5. **Fishers, ground for Auburn and Rochester RR** located on Main St., Fishers between the Fishers Fire Hall and the Cobblestone Pumphouse
6. **Fisher Homestead** located at 7868 Main Street, Fishers
7. **McCrahan Brothers** located at 478 Log Cabin Road
8. **Woodin** located at 454 Fishers Road
9. **Camp Site** located at 632 Wangum Road
10. **Fishers, 43<sup>rd</sup> parallel** is located at Wangum Road and Canning Parkway
11. **Birthplace, James Hard** is located at 1086 Strong Road
12. **Site of Home and Laboratory of Fred M. Locke, Father of the Porcelain Insulator**, Lynaugh Road