

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL  
October 15, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnis, Jeff Hennick, Ralph Weber and Suzy Paquin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb Cole

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

Dave thanked Jeff for Chairing the last meeting while he was out of town.

**MINUTES** of September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Jeff, seconded by Carol – **Approved**

Dave introduced Barb Cole. Barb works at the Town Hall in the Finance Department. Chauncy had approached her a while back asking if she would be interested in helping out with the bookkeeping duties and at that time she could not. She has more time available now and would like to help out.

Ralph is favorable to stepping down from doing the Treasurer duties.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ralph Weber

As of 9/30/15:

- ✓ Checking and savings - \$6,355
- ✓ Other assets - \$1,000
- ✓ Total assets - \$7,355

Ralph thanked Chauncy for his help on straightening out the accounts.

Dave noted that he has some invoices for payment: Gleason Works for the printing of the newsletters in the amount of \$48; Victor Coal & Lumber, credit balance; LaBella for 8 hours of work by Ed Flynn on the grant in the amount of \$880.

**Motion** to send payment to LaBella, in the amount of \$880, for preparation of the capacity building plan by Pete, seconded by Chauncy – **Approved**

Dave also received a letter from the Victor Chamber of Commerce on reserving our space for next year's Hang Around Victor Day, September 10, 2016, at the 2015 rates. The amount is \$30. Shall we reserve early? Everyone said yes.

**Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report by Chauncy, seconded by Wizzy - **Approved**

Ralph would like to resign as Treasurer.

**Motion** to appoint Barb Cole as Treasurer for VHT by Jeff, seconded by Chauncy -  
**Approved**

Ralph, Barb and Chauncy will get together to transfer things over.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pete Ingalsbe  
We have 282 with 61 that are unpaid.

**PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER:**

The quarterly newsletter, fall issue, is now available. The next one will be the winter issue and will be out in December. Please send any articles to Dave.

*(Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library, town hall, village hall and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.)*

The winter issue will have the first six months of hikes for 2016.

Suzy asked if we could pick at least the first six months of hikes at tonight's meeting as Felicia from Parks and Rec would like to note them in their brochure that comes out in the next Town newsletter.

Dave W stated that Dave Coleman has requested that we do the last section of the Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail in October of 2016.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph Weber  
No report

**VOLUNTEERS:** Wizzy Geno  
Challenge Hike – Carol and Wizzy were on standby for sag wagons and none were needed.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – So far we have 26 people who have responded yes and have not heard from 16 people. The dinner will be on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at Mickey Finn's at 6:00pm.

Dave noted that EMS is doing their Club Days again in the fall, Thursday 10/22 to Saturday 10/25. Members can get 20% off full priced items. This is just a sale, no volunteers are needed.

Dave stated that the Town of Farmington is expanding the Auburn Trail from County Road 41 to Route 332. There were a lot of trees at County Road 41. Dan Wilson and his

(ADK) clearing crew were there last Wednesday and helped to clear the trail. They found a mile marker, 81, still in place. This is the same one that VHT made last year.

Dave read the names of the people who helped to clear the trail, there were 9: Sue Dougherty, Doug Smith, Bob Reid, Dick Spade, Tom Wallenhorst, Jack Wallenhorst, Marty Turner, and Dan Wilson. Dan Wilson is our contact and he is a member of VHT. Dave noted that he had forwarded the names to Ron Brand, Director of Planning & Development, at the Town of Farmington so that they may thank them also.

Dan Wilson asked if there were any other projects for them to do. No projects at this time, but maybe in the spring.

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol MacInnis

Nothing new, but she had two revocable permits signed last month.

Dave has them and will have the Supervisor sign them and then make copies. VHT and the landowners will get a copy and the original will go to the Town Clerk to file.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy Young

We ended the season with about 780 hours for regular trail maintenance. About 56% was on town trails or places where they have easements and about 21% was on Ganondagan.

Not too much going on right now.

We completed a Boy Scout project over the weekend, a 64' boardwalk and trail clearing at Lehigh Crossing Park.

Chauncy has a proposal out to Brian to do a short 24' boardwalk from the Napolitano bridge coming west as it is now continually wet due to the beaver activity. Maybe we can schedule for later this fall.

Chauncy is thinking about how he can change maintenance schedule for next year. He would like to take a survey at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. He would like to do most of the trails three times, some four times and this would open up more time for projects.

Jeff moved that we have a BIG THANK YOU to our Trailboss Chauncy for the year!! Dave noted that he did not miss one time.

Dave said that it would be nice to have a location to store the equipment so that Chauncy would not have to have it in his barn. They discussed other possible locations.

Chauncy also noted that it would be nice to have assistants so that he would not have to be there at every session.

Chauncy will set up a time with Mike Houser to work on cutting a hole in the mower so that it can be repaired easier. We also recently borrowed his generator for the boardwalk project at Lehigh Crossing Park.

### **LAST HIKE:**

The monthly hike was on October 10<sup>th</sup> on the Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch, south end. There were three hikers: Dave Coleman, Jeff, and Dave W. They walked about 7 miles and then had ice cream in Naples. It was a nice day for hiking and the trails were great.

Dave said to not forget that it is hunting season, so when you go out hiking, wear something bright.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### ***Fisher Memorial Bridge: Update***

*On Hold - Chauncy will get the paperwork done this year and start construction next year.*

#### ***Scout Projects***

- Kaleb Sharp's project is done; he just needs VHT to sign off.
- George Heltz is the other active project:  
*It will be a 40' bridge project at Fishbrook/East Victor. George requested VHT post his GoFundMe account link on our Facebook page. He has a much bigger project and is need of more funds than most. The Board had no issues with putting it on the Facebook page and on the website.*
- Sean Coleman will do an alternate trail in back of Walmart – Dave will contact him to see if he is ready to start as he wanted to wait until the leaves were off the trees.
- Niles Masoon – Chauncy sent him an email and received no response.
- Lori Buggie – She is very interested in doing a project, probably next spring. Her project is a boardwalk on the yellow trail in back of Monroe Muffler off Route 96.
- Spencer Kull – a big bridge by the Longhorn restaurant. No recent news from him, probably in the spring.

***Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant:***  
*We were awarded the grant of \$2,500. The kick-off meeting was in April. We met with the consultant, Ed Flynn of LaBella Associates. Second meeting with Ed Flynn was on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Ed is benchmarking other towns and will meet with stakeholders. The Trail Survey is completed. It is available online through Survey Monkey and available on the VHT website and the Victor website, as well as posting on the VHT, Town and P&R Facebook pages. Paper copies are available in the VHT Summer Newsletter, the Fall issue of the Town & Village Victor Voice Newsletter, and at the Town & Village Halls, the Library, P&R Offices, trail heads and at the VHT booth on HAVD. We had a meeting prior to the regular September meeting. We will have one more regular meeting with Ed Flynn and then will have a public meeting.*

Chauncy wanted to note that Ed was a bit behind where we wanted to be as he had not met with the stakeholders or done research on comparable towns and parks. Ed had said he was swamped with other grants that needed to be done first.

We need to talk to Ed and schedule the next meeting. It was decided to schedule a meeting with Ed before our next regular meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> to give us some information on benchmarking with other trail groups or results of the survey. Then once we have his final report and have our public meeting, we should make arrangements to go before the Town Board and give them the results also.

### ***Auburn Trail/Farmington***

Pete stated that the Surveyors are out and hopefully they will have some cost figures in a couple of months and then put up for Bid in the spring. The Town will decide whether they will work off an easement or purchase or a portion donated to them. There is only one owner for the entire length of the trail. The construction will be next year and hopefully the trail will be open for the public in 2017.

***Challenge Hike***, Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – 7 people started out, 4 people did all 16 miles, and 3 left at Boughton Park. It was a good hike. There were a lot of other events going on that weekend.

***The Nat Fisher Memorial Golf Outing*** was on Sunday, 9/20, at Parkview Fairways. Suzy, Chauncy, Maryellen and Chris were a team representing VHT. We did better than we hoped. We had a goal of one over par for every hole and we ended up with 12 over par and one birdie by Chris. It was fun and they raised \$500 for the ARC of Ontario County.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### ***Movie - Run Free***

Chauncy received a request to post a movie night in December on the VHT Meetup page. The film, Run Free, will be at the Little Theatre on Wednesday, 12/9. This is just a promotion of the movie.

**Motion** to post the movie Run Free on the VHT Meetup page, the VHT Facebook page, and on the website by Dave, seconded by Wizzy – **Approved**

**Rochester Business Journal** – Special Calendar of Charitable Events, due by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board agreed to send in the following events:

- National Trails Day – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Challenge Hike – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am, 12-16 miles in the Victor area

**Boughton Park Board** – Chauncy made a proposal to the Park Board and they only agreed to connect the two parking areas with the blue trail, but wanted to leave rest as is and with no blazing. Jeff has listed it on the Boughton Park detail map and not on our main map yet.

***Benefit for Rick LePlant***

On October 25 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Mertensia Park Lodge, there will be a benefit for Rick LePlant who passed away recently. He was only 47 and had no life insurance. Pete has tickets and they are \$10 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

***Hikes for 2016, January through June:***

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Mendon Ponds

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Domine Trail/Fishers Park/Auburn Trail - start at Fishers Fire House #1

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Dryer Road Park

April 9<sup>th</sup> – MaryFrancis Bluebird Haven/Monkey Run Trails

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Boughton Park

June 4<sup>th</sup> – National Trails Day

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Mendon Ponds Hike / ADK Expo (*Note: sign up to get it on their list*)

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Bike ride - TBD

**NEXT HIKE:**

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Boughton Park - Meet at Town Hall at 9am or for residents who have a permit, meet at Boughton Road parking lot at 9:20am. This is already listed on Facebook and Meetup. The hike will be a couple of hours and an easy pace.

Chauncy will get 10 guest passes for those who are not residents.

*Dave passed around the following:*

- Finger Lakes Trail Quarterly Newsletter
- Ontario Pathways Quarterly Newsletter
- American Hiking Society

Chauncy read the letter that will be sent to Ed Flynn: *See Attached*

Jeff noted that the Seneca Trail is being improved from School Street east. Brian Emelson had sent out an email saying that it would be closed from time to time while it was being worked on.

Chauncy noted that this would be a good time to get a committee together with the Village, Victor Insulators, the railroad, and Parks & Recreation to figure out how to connect the trail properly past the Victor Insulator plant.

Chauncy noted that he hasn't talked with Domine about the new trail that was measured out, but Jeff has put it on the map so we can see what it looks like.

Chauncy did talk to Genesee Land Trust about the new Valentown Estates going north on Valentown Road. There is a 50' trail easement that comes in and there is also a 25' trail easement from Falcon Ridge that is adjacent to it. The Genesee Land Trust oversees 30 acres that has a Conservation Easement on it. It already has some trails and dirt bike trails on it. They are more than willing to open it up to the public, but we would need to talk to the current land owners that are doing the new development. We would need to create our own agreement with the land owner.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

We will meet at 5:30pm prior to the meeting with Ed Flynn.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Dave at 9:15pm and **seconded** by Jeff.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

#### **Schedule of 2015 Hikes/Outings:**

- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Boughton Park
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Ontario County Park – New north trails

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## Next PTNY Capacity Grant Meeting

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Thu, Oct 15, 2015 at 9:28 PM

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Hi Ed,

I hope you are catching up with all the work at the office. At this months VHT meeting, Oct 15th, we discussed the capacity grant. We are hoping you can get the meetings with the stakeholders completed and research/benchmarking that we have discussed with you done before our November 19th monthly meeting. Assuming you can, we propose that we have you come out and meet again with the VHT group, starting our meeting with you at 5:30pm as we have in the past.

Thanks for your help,  
Chauncy

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**Flynn, Ed** <eflynn@labellapc.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2015 at 10:24 AM

To: Chauncy Young <youngchauncy@gmail.com>

Cc: Brian Emelson <bemelson@town-victor-ny.us>

Hi Chauncy,

Its on the calendar. I will also schedule the stakeholder meetings prior to the meeting. Ideally I would hope to have the draft report ready for the meeting as well.

Thanks.

Ed

**Ed Flynn, AICP**

LaBella Associates, D.P.C.