

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL  
November 19, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnis, Ralph Weber, Barb Cole and Suzy Paquin.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:34p.m.

Barb didn't get the minutes - Suzy needs to add Barb to her distribution list.

**MINUTES** of October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Chauncy, seconded by Carol – **Approved**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barb Cole

As of 10/31/15:

- ✓ Checking and savings - \$6,329
- ✓ Other assets - \$0
- ✓ Total assets - \$6,329

**Motion** to approve the financials, as corrected by Chauncy & Barb, by Chauncy, seconded by Suzy - **Approved**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pete Ingalsbe

Absent – No Report

Chauncy noted that we have 284 Meetup members.

**PUBLICITY:** Dave Wright

Dave has not updated the message line yet for the next hike. The December hike will be at Ontario County Park, new trails on the northern end. The mountain bike group constructed them. Dave plans to scout out the trails and will send out a press release.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph Weber

No report

Dave was thinking that we could have a possible educational hike at Ganondagan, with a group tour of the new facility, sometime next year. This would be an additional hike, possibly a Saturday morning. Ralph will reach out to Ganondagan.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Wizzy Geno

Absent – No Report

**NEWSLETTER:** Dave Wright

Dave is working on the winter issue of the newsletter and it will be out in December by our next meeting. Please send any articles to Dave. He has about 8 pages to fill up.

Dave is expecting a write up from George Heltz on his bridge project and his funding needs.

*(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.)*

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol MacInnis

No Report

Dave noted that he and Chauncy met with Brian Emelson and Gregg Richards to discuss a potential development on East Victor Road, on the Auburn Trail, near the golf course. Dave passed around a map. The proposal is to put 28 homes on a little over 13 acres and use the golf course to satisfy the open space requirement. The Planning Board will decide if they can do that.

Brian will be recommending to the Planning Board:

- Not to waive the fee in lieu of park land
- Developer to do finish grading at 5% or less to meet Ashto Standards
- Applicant to establish turf and positive drainage
- Proposed location of conceptual trail on the sketch is fine as long as the finish grade is 5% or less (to prevent erosion; encourage safe speed for bicyclists)
- Might need a retaining wall (due to the 5% or less grading)
- Permanent easement or donate the land to the Town
- Require the Applicant to provide trail access and trail markers between lots 15 & 16
- Applicant to provide landscaping (screening between the backyard & trail for lots 15 & 16)

Brian will put a letter together to the Planning Board with these recommendations and is looking for an endorsement from VHT as well as the Parks & Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee.

**Motion** by Chauncy to create a letter of support from VHT based on Brian's notes regarding the potential trail in the proposed development off of East Victor Road, seconded by Carol – **Approved**

Dave suggested that the letter be sent out to the members to proofread first.

Chauncy noted that he received a call from the Genesee Land Trust and the owner of the property on Valentown Road. They wish to discuss how we can put a trail across Valentown Road to the gas line driveway going back to Monkey Run Trails. He will call them and set up a meeting.

Dave noted that the revocable permits were signed by Jack and sent out.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy Young

The one mower is at Mike Houser's waiting for him to do the work. He will put the rest away this weekend for the winter.

The bridge/boardwalk project at Lehigh Crossing Park can possibly be done this Sunday, 11/22, if anyone is available. Dave is available to help.

Chauncy passed around a picture of the boardwalk that Kaleb Sharp completed and also the clearing of the trail at Lehigh Crossing Park.

Dave noted that there is another Scout who wants to do a project. He is Emily Waldman's brother, Daniel. He is looking to talk to Niles Masoon regarding the project that Niles was proposing to do, a bridge near the apple farm, and if Niles is no longer interested he would like to do it. Chauncy & Daniel have not heard back from Niles.

Dave also noted that the Scout Sean Coleman who was going to reroute the trail behind Walmart, decided to do something else. So that project is available again.

We had a successful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with 42 in attendance.

**LAST HIKE:**

The monthly hike was on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Boughton Park. There were 13 hikers, 4/5 from VHT and the rest from GVHC Meetup. The hike was led by Chauncy and was 5.3 miles. Dave W & Dave C were the sweeps.

Reminder: this Saturday is the opening day for shotgun in our area, if you are out on the trails, 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:  
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.*
  - *His GoFundMe link is working now.*
  - *There will be a fundraiser on 12/20 at UNO's – Dave will do a press release and we will put it on Facebook, Meetup and 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.*
  - *Dave spoke to Sean and he decided to do something else.*
  
- *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.*
  - *Nothing new*
  
- *Spencer Kull – a big bridge by the Longhorn restaurant. No recent news from him, probably in the spring.*
  - *Dave will send him an email to see if he still is interested*

### ***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 was completed. It was available online through Survey Monkey and on the VHT website and the Victor website, as well as the VHT, Town and P&R Facebook pages. Paper copies were available in the VHT Summer Newsletter, the Fall issue of the Town & Village Victor Voice Newsletter, and the Town & Village Halls, the Library, P&R*

*Offices, trail heads and 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. A meeting is to be scheduled before the meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> for him to give us the information on benchmarking with other trail groups & the results of the survey. 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.*

The meeting for tonight had to be cancelled as Ed hadn't completed what he was planning on doing: talking to stakeholders & users, benchmark similar towns (looking for cost and man power and dollars to maintain trails in similar areas).

Ed said that he cannot meet on 12/17. Brian, Chauncy and Dave W can meet on 12/10 at 5:30pm here at the Town Hall.

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

Dave W attended a meeting at the Town of Farmington. The primary goal right now is to establish where the property lines are and then send out Bids for construction in the spring. The goal is to have the trail open to the public in 2017.

### ***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, at 7pm. This is just a promotion of the movie.*

- This will be posted on the website, Meetup and Facebook soon.

***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*
- Dave sent this information in.

### ***Hikes for 2016***

Last month we chose hikes for January through July. We need ideas for hikes for August through December. Some suggestions: Meet at Lehigh Crossing Park and do the Lehigh/Auburn/Trolley trails; Victor Municipal Park; Valentown to Woodcliff and back. More hikes close to Victor to try to encourage families and younger kids.

Hikes decided on:

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Conklin Gully

September 10<sup>th</sup> – HAVD - Victor Municipal Park/Trolley/Auburn/Ganondagan

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Finger Lakes Trail – Bristol Hills Branch

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Valentown to Woodcliff & back

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Meet at Lehigh Crossing Park - Lehigh/Auburn/Trolley

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We have not done a fundraiser in a while. Dave suggested a fundraiser at UNO's next year possibly in January/February/March. UNO's provides up to 20% of all check totals during the fundraiser event. Dave will discuss with Ann Kabel of UNO's on a date.

We received a notice of change in policy terms from Selective Insurance. There is a revision to audio, visual or data electronic equipment coverage. Dave gave the notice to Suzy to file.

We received a letter from David Drury of Henrietta regarding the railroad bridge at Letchworth State Park. The bridge will be replaced with a new one and the old existing bridge, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is slated to be dismantled. He thinks that this would be a terrible loss. He is asking for us to contact our State Representatives with our support. Letchworth State Park was voted the best State Park in the Nation.

Dave will send this notice to Jeff so that he can put it on the VHT website.

### **NEXT HIKE:**

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Ontario County Park – on the new north trails.

Meet at Town Hall at 9am or at Ontario County Park, parking by jump off, at 9:45am.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall – in the **upstairs Veterans Memorial meeting room**.

We will meet with Ed Flynn on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the Town Hall main meeting room.

***(This meeting was subsequently cancelled & rescheduled for: Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm)***

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Ralph at 8:54pm and **seconded** by Chauncy.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

**Schedule of 2015 Hikes/Outings:**

- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Ontario County Park – new north trails

**Schedule of 2016 Hikes/Outings:**

- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Mendon Ponds
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Domine/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
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Bike Ride – TBD
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Conklin Gully
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – *HAVD* - Victor Municipal Park/Trolley/Auburn/Ganondagan
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