

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
June 16, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnes, Barb Cole, Jeff Hennick, Pete Ingalsbe, and Suzy Paquin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Nellis

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:33pm.

MINUTES of May 19th meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Carol, seconded by Barb – **Approved**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb Cole
Barb passed around the financials for May.
As of 5/31/16:
✓ Checking and savings - \$8,912
✓ Other assets - \$91
✓ Total assets - \$9,003

Barb went over the financials and covered the highlights. Barb will issue a check to Lewis Fisher for books in the amount of \$71.75. We received the check from the American Hiking Society Grant for \$2,500 towards the Nat Fisher bridge.

Motion to approve the financials by Chauncy, seconded by Pete - **Approved**

MEMBERSHIP: Pete Ingalsbe
The membership is at 284 with 77 due to renew. There are 38 over 6 months old that will be dropped.

Chauncy reported that we now have 449 members on Meetup.

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright
Dave updated the message line for the next hike which is a bike ride on the Ontario Pathways from Phelps to Stanley and back on July 9th. Need a trail or mountain bike and helmets are mandatory. Meet at 9am. There is a loop trail for walking.

Dave is working on the next Newsletter. He needs pictures of the past hikes. He is hoping to finish by Sunday night (6/19) and will send the pdf to Gleason Works for printing and pick them up on Tuesday for disbursement, all before he leaves on vacation.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber - *Absent*

We are all set for the Mees Observatory hike on August 5th. We will meet at Ontario County Park at 6:00pm, hike and then drive to Mees. Bring a flashlight.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Suzy Paquin – *Interim*

National Trails Day & ADK Expo – Suzy will send out Thank You notes to the volunteers and sponsors.

Chauncy noted the possibility of another event that we would need volunteers for on July 21st. Will discuss under Trail Boss.

Pete noted that Farmington Chamber will be holding a Family Fun Day at the Farmington Town Hall Park on August 27th from 10am to 4pm. Would VHT like to participate?

There was an article in the D&C on the Mural and Emily. Jeff had sent out an email with the link to the article.

Ruth Nellis – Gullace Project

Ruth showed maps of the proposed Gullace Development project. The plans currently do not show any trail access to Harlan Fisher Park. Other developments that have been planned in the Town have had proposed trails. Before this development is approved, can we find space for a trail access to the Park in the Village & Town sections?

Dave asked if Brian Emelson has addressed this? Dave suggested a couple of spots where a trail might go. Originally there was a trail access shown on a map, maybe Brian can readdress.

Ruth asked if VHT would consider having a trail around the development. Dave said we typically do not just put a trail around a development that doesn't connect to anything, but having access to a park would be acceptable.

Ruth asked if VHT would send a letter to the Town Planning Board in support of an access trail to Harlan Fisher Park. Next Wednesday is the Village Planning Board meeting and the next Town Planning Board meeting will be on June 28th. Dave asked if Ruth would write the letter and Dave would sign it. Ruth will email Suzy the draft letter for approval.

Ruth thanked the Board for their time.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

Carol emailed Gay Mills and asked for access to the land trust to use it as a connection between Falcon Ridge and Monkey Run Trails but has not received a response. Is there any other contact info for her? It was suggested to call the Genesee Land Trust directly.

Chauncy said that we need to talk to the property owner, Mauro Polidori, first and not the Genesee Land Trust. Chauncy and Carol will get together to make an appointment and/or a phone call.

Chauncy noted that they need to get the map for Falcon's Crest to see where the 25' trail easement goes to before they meet with Mr. Polidori. Carol will stop by the Building Department and get a copy.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

Chauncy passed out a spreadsheet of Volunteer hours. He needs to add the number of extra hours that Jeff and Dave have been doing.

The total so far is 229 hours for 107 participants. This does not include the special projects; those are separate at the bottom of the page.

Chauncy purchased 30 more stakes to be used for blazing.

So far the hours show about 70% of the time has been spent on town property and about 8% (so far) on Ganondagan property.

We have a need for an additional hedge trimmer as one jams every once in a while. Either as a spare or if we have additional people show up on maintenance night.

Motion by Dave to authorize the purchase of an additional gas powered hedge trimmer not to exceed \$400, seconded by Pete – **Approved**.

Dave asked what the status was on the "You Are Here" signs for Fishers Park. Chauncy said we need to talk with Brian to see if he is on board with having them. Chauncy will forward the email again.

Dave asked if there was any word back on whether P&R were going to take over all the trails at Victor Municipal Park. Chauncy had emailed Jeff Rader.

Scout Projects

- Niles Masoon – *He wishes to do a short boardwalk and a short bridge near the Apple Farm with the possibility of shorter ramps on the existing bridge. Chauncy*

met with him and his father. The Boardwalk will be 60' long and the bridge will be 10'. Chauncy will sign off on the papers. Chauncy has sent him some sketches

- No news
- Daniel Waldman - *He is looking to replace a boardwalk that was set too low at Lehigh Crossing Park. He proposes a dock-like Boardwalk which would be 154' / 168' in length. Dan will check with Al Benedict, Building Inspector, to see if a DEC or ACE application is needed as it is a wetland area.*
 - Chauncy will get together to go over his fundraising. He has received the final signature from the Council on his project.
 - It is located in the flood plain - he will need to go through the permit process.
- Lori Buggie -*Her project is a boardwalk on the yellow trail behind Monroe Muffler off Route 96. Chauncy met with her and her dad. She will do a 150' Boardwalk on the yellow trail plus some stone/chips just before it.*
 - She would like to do sometime at the beginning of July. Her Dad will contact DiMarco to see if they will help.
- George Heltz - *a 40' bridge project at Fishbrook/East Victor. George noted that his goal is \$6,000. George is seeking additional funding from other organizations. Joe Logan is working on the Fishcreek Bridge design.*
 - Possibly meet next weekend with Chauncy to discuss materials. Received letter from DEC, no permit needed.

Moving along on all of the projects, George is the only one ready to start scheduling.

Fisher Memorial Bridge: Update

Chauncy has drawn a sketch, written the narrative and filled out the application for the permit. It has gone to the Building Department and the State for permits. VHT has been awarded the grant from the American Hiking Society towards the Nat Fisher Bridge in the amount of \$2,500. We are looking at August to complete the project. Larry & Carole Fisher came over to help correlate the paperwork for the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers.

- We are waiting on the design from Joe Logan.

The ADK clearing crew, used for Daniel's project, also extended the Trolley Trail out straight to Omni Tech Drive

The red section of the Domine Trail has been worked on and still needs more bench cutting done.

Jeff is looking at how to get to Royal View an easier way. Trail ROW to Fishers Road, no parking at either end.

LAST HIKE:

The monthly hike was on June 11th at Mendon Ponds during the ADK Expo. It was a fast paced two-hour hilly hike led by Chauncy. There were 8 hikers. They did approx. 5 miles.

National Trails Day Hikes – we did three hikes, Fishers Park 2.5 miles; Pinnacle and back 3.5 miles; to Mendon and back 4 miles. We had a small group of people that did all three hikes. 6 of them were renewals and 2 or 3 new memberships.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant:
Awarded the grant in the amount of \$2,500. The kick-off meeting was in April 2015. We met with the consultant, Ed Flynn of LaBella Associates. The final report was received and the public meeting was held on March 10th at the Town Hall. Presentations have been made to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Board and the P&R Citizens' Advisory Committee. Dave W made the presentation to the Town Board on May 9th. Need to submit final report PTNY. Chauncy needs to compile the publicity for the grant for the final report. Then will start the implementation. The first things to look at will be updating the website and the brochure. We will put together a committee.

A special meeting was held on June 9th to discuss updating the website and a new brochure plus revamping the newsletter to match.

We came up with a list and gave that to Jeff to see what he could do. Jeff showed some examples of what he came up with. Will work on other mobile devices also.

Regarding the map for the brochure, who was going to work on it, Jeff or Chauncy? For the brochure, if we take out some words and put in more pictures do we want both sides to be in color? It would cost more.

We need to add LaSalle Parkway and Woolston Road to the list of locations for brochure boxes. Pinnacle should be added to the list also.

Farmington – Auburn Trail Connector Project

Still under the engineering design and hope for a bid date this fall, winter at the latest.

- Nothing New

Dave has not contacted Kevin and Anita Bruckner yet regarding their donation of property, portion of the Trolley Trail that is adjacent to the Town, to the Town of Victor Hiking Trails.

Dave passed around the Victor Business Awards picture that was taken at the event on May 9th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave read a letter from the YMCA congratulating VHT for winning the Victor Business Award for Leader in Tourism.

Dave drove up to the Aerial Adventures in Bristol and checked it out, but did not do any of the courses.

Jeff receives an email regarding the monthly automatic payments. He wants to know what to do with them. Who wants to get the notices, everyone or just a few? It was decided to send them to just Barb, Chauncy and Pete.

We received a notice from PTNY regarding a one-time funding opportunity for a trail, bicycle and pedestrian project. Dave forwarded it to Farmington.

We received a thank you from ADK for participating in their Expo and the loaning of our sign.

While at the ADK Expo, Dave talked with a hiker from Springwater Trails. She has a service called "Hungry Hiker Food Supply Box". If you are doing a long hike and need food dropped off at different mailbox locations, she provides that service. He also talked to a Bill Cooke who has written a book on long through hikes called "Shades of Gray, Splashes of Color," on his through hike of the Colorado Trail. He also does guest speaking and lecture stuff. His website is: www.cookerhiker.com .

Red Cross Twilight 5/10K

Chauncy noted that the run is a fundraiser for the Red Cross and some money would go to VHT if we can provide some volunteers. The run would start at the Pinnacle Athletic Campus on Phillips Road. The 5K portion would be all on roads. The 10K portion would use the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Railroad Mills Road. Our volunteers would provide some support at road crossings & maybe water stations. The run is on Thursday, 7/21, with volunteers needed from about 430-9pm. Chauncy would like permission to solicit volunteers. He figures our volunteers would cover the trail. He would then find out how many volunteers we need.

Motion by Chauncy to participate in the Red Cross Twilight 5/10K on July 21st from Pinnacle Athletic Campus, seconded by Carol – **Approved**

Dave noted that we received a letter from the Victor Garden Club and P&R thanking us for the donation towards the new gateway sign.

Jeff found an interesting article on the old Auburn Road. The oldest rail line in the country.

Dave passed around the following:

- Backpacker magazine
- Twi-Lights – Trailworks Quarterly Newsletter
- Daily Messenger Article from 5/22 on our hikes for National Trails Day

NEXT HIKE:

On July 9th the hike will be a bike ride on Ontario Pathways. We will start at Route 96 and go to Stanley and back. Approx 12 miles.

NEXT MEETING:

It was decided to change the date of the July meeting as Dave W and Jeff will be on vacation.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 28, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Pete at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

Schedule of 2016 Hikes/Outings:

- July 9th – Bike Ride – Ontario Pathways, Route 96 to Stanley and back
- August 5th – Mees Observatory, Educational tour & hike, 6pm
- August 13th – Conklin Gully
- September 3rd – Ring of Fire Hike, 5:30pm
- September 10th – *HAVD* - Victor Municipal Park/Trolley/Auburn/Ganondagan, 11am
- September 25th – Challenge Hike - TBD
- October 8th – Finger Lakes Trail – Bristol Hills Branch
- November 12th – Valentown to Woodcliff & back
- December 10th – Meet at Lehigh Crossing Park - Lehigh/Auburn/Trolley