

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL  
October 20, 2016

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Daniel Waldman, Emily Waldman, Lisa Roberts, and Brian Emelson, Parks & Recreation Liaison

Meeting called to order by Jeff Hennick at 7:30pm.

**MINUTES** of the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Pete, seconded by Chauncy, Dave W abstained – **Approved**

Dave Wright entered the meeting at 7:33 PM.

***Eagle Scout Project – Boardwalk***

Daniel Waldman explained his project, a boardwalk at Lehigh Crossing Park. He passed around information that included: explanation of the project, photos of the location, sketch plans of the boardwalk, finances, and other statistics. He asked for a donation from VHT for the project around \$250.

Chauncy asked what he has raised in donations so far. Daniel stated that he has raised \$820. Chauncy noted that another \$50 has come through the VHT website. Daniel noted that his gap in funding is approx. \$654.

Dave W asked if Daniel had approached Brian Emelson, Parks & Recreation, to see if there was anything in their budget for improvements to the Park, since the project was to be located in a Town Park. Daniel stated that Brian had said that the Town usually will do half.

Brian noted that funding has been cut for 2018. If the project is done in 2017, there might be a possibility to cover the gap of \$350/400. Daniel is hoping to start the project the first weekend in November.

**Motion** by Dave W to contribute \$250, if needed, in materials or cash towards the boardwalk project in Lehigh Crossing Park, seconded by Carol – **Approved**.

Dave W noted that when he needs help, we can post on Meetup and Facebook. Coordinate any equipment with Chauncy.

Daniel is looking to build panels the first weekend in November and installing the second weekend.

### ***Mural Update***

Emily Waldman – She put in a lot of hours in September and was hoping to get it done by fall. But it looks like next spring. The anti-graffiti spray cannot be applied unless it is about 70 degrees. She is 85/90% done. She has talked to Ginny Fisher and Nat's portrait is being painted now and is half-way done. His name will go above and VHT below. Hoping to put in some other VHT mementos.

Dave W asked if she was going to capture all the names of the artists that helped on the project into the mural. Emily said she had been thinking about how to do it.

Chauncy noted that Emily's family and Daniel are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner also.

Dave noted that VHT received a check for a \$100 from Terphane, one of our corporate sponsors, a renewal from Ruth Nellis, and a card from VHT founder Marcia Bryan.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barb Cole - *Absent*

Chauncy passed around the financials for September.

As of 9/30/16:

- ✓ Checking and savings - \$9,317
- ✓ Other assets - \$0
- ✓ Total assets - \$9,317

Chauncy reviewed the statements. He noted that we received \$350 in memberships. We also need to invoice P&R for 1/3 of the George Heltz bill.

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

Chauncy noted that next month we should be looking at the budget for 2017 and we will also have the election of officers.

### **MEMBERSHIP:** Pete Ingalsbe

Membership is at 262 with 49 due to renew.

Chauncy reported that we now have 508 members on Meetup.

### **PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER:** Dave Wright

Dave updated the message line and sent out a press release for the next hike on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dave has mailed out the Fall newsletter.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph Weber - *Absent*

Ralph set up a tour of Valentown Museum before the November 12<sup>th</sup> hike which will be from Valentown to Woodcliff and back. The tour will be for about an hour and will cost \$4/per person. We will need to meet at Valentown for the tour at 9:15 AM. For the hike, we can have a car half-way in case we need to bring anyone back early.

Dave thanked Jeff for running the meeting last month when he was absent.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Suzy Paquin

***Wellness Fair – October 13<sup>th</sup>***; This was at the Victor Town Hall from 8:00 am to Noon. There were three volunteers – Carole Fisher, Dave Wright and Chauncy. It was a good turnout. The employees walked around and talked to all the vendors.

***Volunteer Appreciation Dinner***

It will be on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at Finn’s Tap Room. Mark and Ruth Rugaber have graciously donated a case and a half of wine for the volunteers. They wanted to support VHT in some way. We can put everyone’s name that attends in a hat and have a raffle.

***Victor PTSA Health & Wellness Fair***

This will be on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. They will supply a table. We will need to have a raffle prize. We have one hat left. Suzy will send out an email for volunteers. They need to know if we will participate by 10/28. This event has been well attended in the past.

Chauncy asked to be able to place an order for more baseball style hats for VHT.

**Motion** by Chauncy to order 25 baseball style hats for VHT, not to exceed \$15 per hat, seconded by Pete – **Approved.**

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol MacInnes

Carol said she has nothing new to report. Chauncy noted that he has been busy and not had a chance to get with her and Mauro Polidori regarding a trail easement off Valentown Road.

Chauncy and Brian visited with the Elder's and the Kingsley's regarding a new trail from Modock Road to Dryer Road. Chauncy has not heard back from Jeff Kingsley. Brian will follow-up with an email to Jeff Kingsley. The Family was receptive to the idea and made some suggestions as to where the trail might be routed. Chauncy is hoping that will be completed so the Challenge Hike can be in November.

Jeff stated that he would like to link the Silverton Glen trail with Ganondagan across Route 444 on the maps. This would involve checking with the homeowner's association/Morrell Builders at Silverton Glen and with Ganondagan. Jeff will email Carol a map showing the trails and the connection.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy Young  
***East Victor Road Subdivision***

Chauncy asked if Brian wanted to give an update. Brian noted that the project changed names, as of last night, it is now called: Southgate Hills Subdivision. The area has been cleared. The goal is to get the road in before the asphalt plants close for the season. There is a preconstruction meeting this coming Tuesday on the sewer and underground utility connections. Brian will look into when the bridge/trail can be reopened.

Brian gave an update on the Victor Community Connectivity Project including a shared use trail from Taylor Rise along Lane Road to County Road 9.

Brian is also looking at a couple other grant opportunities. One that would connect the Auburn Trail with Paparone Park along Brace Road.

Chauncy noted that VHT has received \$450 in donations to put towards a memorial project. Chauncy has suggested a small platform and boardwalk at Lehigh Crossing Park.

Brian also noted that there has been a change in project managers at Dryer Road Park for Genesee Regional Off-road Cyclists (GROC). It has been Mark Rosenzweig and Mary Lee Rosenzweig for the past 4 years. The new project managers will be Paul Moszak and Chris Waddington.

***Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant:***  
*We need to submit final report PTNY. Chauncy compiling the publicity for the grant for the final report. Then will start the implementation.*

- Chauncy is collecting the publicity documentation and will submit the final report so that we can get reimbursed for the last portion.

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

The bridge has been completed. The C of C was received yesterday and Larry & Carole came over and took down the fence. Great job!! Chauncy will send a letter both to ACE and DEC that it has been completed. VHT will do a plaque and maybe a bench. A ribbon cutting will also be scheduled.

Chauncy noted that we logged over 700 volunteer hours and the cost was approx. \$8,000. We had used some materials from a previous defunct Ganondagan project.

Chauncy noted that we need to do plaques for some past projects.

### ***Misc***

Chauncy hasn't put away the equipment yet. The material left over from all the projects has been stored at Chauncy's. He would like to use some of it to make a better ramp on the Apple Farm Bridge and maybe some others. We might need to possibly mow one more time behind the apartments off Route 251.

Jeff thanked Chauncy for all the time he spent on the bridge.

### **LAST HIKE:**

The monthly hike was on the Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch. The only one to show was David Coleman. He hiked a different segment than if he was leading a crew.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### ***Farmington – Auburn Trail Connector Project***

*Finalizing the engineering reports and hope to put it out for bid in the spring.*

- Nothing new

#### ***Brochure Revision***

*A special meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss updating the website and a new brochure plus revamping the newsletter to match. Reordered 1,000 copies of the 2014 version to have some on hand.*

- Bruce willing to work on the brochure, but his software isn't compatible with Publisher
- Possibly invest in software for Bruce to use
- Trying to brand a look for both the brochure, website, and newsletter

#### ***Website***

Jeff has been continuing to work on updating the website. He is almost ready to go live.

- Please go to: [victorhikingtrails.org/test](http://victorhikingtrails.org/test)

Check it out and send him any feedback: Comments, Suggestions and Ideas

Jeff asked if everyone was fine with the colors and the bars. Jeff is checking and rechecking to make sure that he hasn't missed any pages or items from the old to the new.

### ***Still need to fill the position of Secretary***

Suzy would like to continue doing the Volunteer Coordinator position so we need to fill the spot of Secretary.

Dave W asked Lisa Roberts if she might be interested in the position of Secretary. She said she would think about it. She was unsure if she could commit to every meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave noted that we received the membership renewal for American Hiking Society (AHS). The bronze level at \$125, same as last year. The consensus was yes, renew.

**Motion** by Jeff to renew the AHS Membership at the Bronze level of \$125 for another year, seconded by Chauncy – **Approved.**

Dave passed around the following:

- Backpacker magazine
- Ontario Pathways Newsletter
- Finger Lakes Trail Gazette

### ***2017 Hikes***

Some suggestions for hikes: Wesley Nature Preserve, Irondequoit Bay Park West, Ellison Park, Oatka Creek, Rob's Trail 15A, Abraham Lincoln, Lucien Moren Rifle Range, Harriet Hollister and Tryon Park.

The first six months of hikes for 2017 were decided upon:

January – Oatka Creek

February – Bay Park West

March – Apple Farm to Boughton Park and back

April – Rob's Trail on 15A to Hemlock Lake

May – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont, meet at old Foley Road parking lot off Route 250

June – National Trails Day: Ganondagan, Seneca Art & Culture Center

June – ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds

**NEXT HIKE:**

The next monthly hike will start at Valentown with a tour and then the hike will be to Woodcliff and back on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The tour starts at 9:15 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

**Motion** to adjourn by Jeff at 9:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

**Schedule of 2016 Hikes/Outings:**

- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Valentown to Woodcliff & back w/tour of Valentown Museum
- December ? – Challenge Hike: Hike to View 2016's Bridge & Boardwalk Projects
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – Meet at Lehigh Crossing Park - Lehigh/Auburn/Trolley

**Schedule of 2017 Hikes/Outings:**

- January 14<sup>th</sup> – Oatka Creek
- February 11<sup>th</sup> – Bay Park West
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Apple Farm to Boughton Park and back
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Rob's Trail on 15A to Hemlock Lake
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont, meet at old Foley Road parking lot off Route 250
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – National Trails Day: Ganondagan, Seneca Art & Culture Center
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds