

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS  
VICTOR TOWN HALL  
DECEMBER 19, 2024**

**Participants:** Dave Wright, Lisa Roberts, Chauncy Young, Ruth Rugaber, Barb Starr; Remote Scott Reinhart

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Lisa

**MOTION** to approve the December minutes made by Dave, seconded by Lisa. Chauncy abstained. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ruth Rugaber

Bank balances:

Checking \$ 8,651.23

CDs \$10,105.61

Savings \$1,025.15

PayPal \$0.00

Total \$ 19,781.99

Bills paid: Credit card: \$765.02

Frontier message line Final bill

Notable Donations: Thank you!

Town of Victor for Storage Unit 6 months \$1350

May Vandenberg \$100

Donation Boxes \$ 22.00 Maple Ave. \$7.00 Old Dutch \$ 16.00 Fishers

Ruth reported that a few members still are paying an annual fee of just \$10.00 as they are on recurring renewal.

**ACTION:** Ask Larry to send email to those members, thanking them for their renewal but reminding them that the membership fee is now \$20 per year.

**MOTION** to approve the Financials made by Chauncy, seconded by Lisa, motion approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update regarding possibility of building new storage facility adjacent to Fishers Fire Hall  
RG&E has requested and received submission of plans for storage building. They will look them over and get back to Dave
- Community Engagement Director position still vacant
- Auburn Trail sub committee public input session Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Village Hall from 4-7pm as a "Drop In" for everyone's convenience. Flyers available in hard copy and electronically. Signs will be going up along the Auburn Trail in the Village, an on-line survey will be available until 1/20
- Dave & Lisa attended the Nov CAC mtg to request replacement of worn trail signs; CAC agreed to have faded signs redone.
- Sub-committee to update by-laws: Dave, Scott, and Lisa will meet to create recommendations. changes including defining various new director responsibilities
- Level Up Nutrition in Fisher's Landing would like to host a Wednesday Library Walk from their location
- Last Hike at Powder Mills Park total of 4 people
- Dave continues to follow-up with HOF pavers. As a sample, using Marcia Bryon, founder of VHT, just

engraving would cost \$80.

**MOTION:** made by Chauncy, seconded by Ruth, to spend no more than \$100.00 to have paver engraved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Annual Meeting
  - Catered lunch followed by meeting at Victor Town Hall
  - Date: 1/16 at noon, not to exceed 2 hours, in place of monthly meeting lunch catered by Busy Bean
  - Agenda
    - Review of goals identified at last annual meeting
    - Review of accomplishments
    - New goals for 2025
      - Prior to meeting board members should review the power point created by the U of R Simon School Consultants with goal of identifying their top 3 recommendations. These goals should be measurable and attainable
  - Discussion of TRAFx counters
    - TRAFx counters cost \$590 each
      - Ideal placements:
        - Lehigh Trail at Lehigh Crossing Park
        - Lehigh Trail at Old Dutch Rd
        - Auburn at E Victor Rd
        - Auburn at northern end of trail near Powder Mills Park
        - Seneca Trail locations

**MOTION:** made by Chauncy to purchase 3 more counters plus boxes and locks, not to exceed \$2500, seconded by Lisa. Motion approved by all present.

- Meetup was purged of members that haven't visited the VHT page in 2+ years. This brings membership to 453, down from over 900. There will continue to be no charge for members to join Meetup for coming year. Will re-evaluate end of next year.
- Turkey Trot raised \$41,000 total. Thank you note should be sent to Sheila Fitzsimmons. VHT is one of the recipients of the funds. This will be reflected in next month's financial report.
- Details for hikes for May - August: dates will be decided at January or February meeting

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy Young

Need repair on the Beaver Bridge boardwalk in Lehigh Crossing Park  
Numerous work parties for downed trees  
Chauncy prepared detailed lists of attendance at hikes

**TRAILMASTER:** Scott Reinhardt

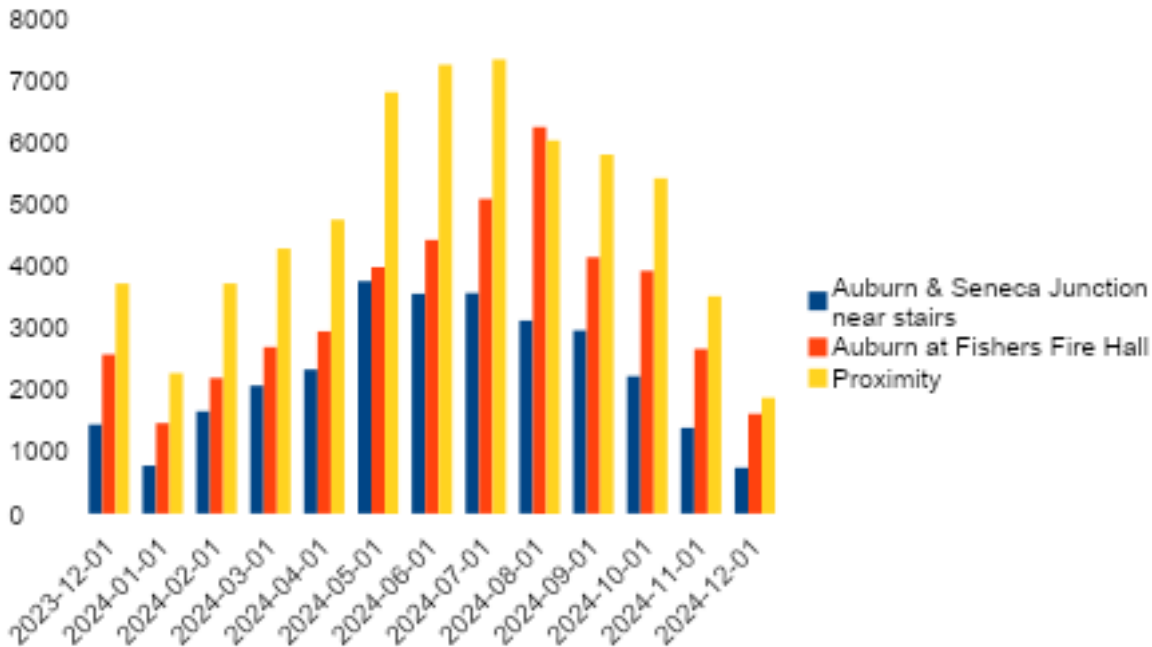
Proposal for change of title "Trailmaster"

**MOTION:** made by Chauncy to change the title Trailmaster to Trail Blazer. Seconded by Lisa, motion approved

A home for VHT  
NY Forward Grant Update  
Mead Square Park Update  
Simon School students letters of recommendations

**PUBLICITY:** Dave Wright  
Trail Counts

Monthly Count	Auburn & Seneca Junction near stairs	Auburn at Fishers Fire Hall	Proximity
2023-12-01	1436	2567	3711
2024-01-01	773	1458	2265
2024-02-01	1649	2187	3712
2024-03-01	2064	2686	4276
2024-04-01	2324	2939	4743
2024-05-01	3749	3977	6800
2024-06-01	3547	4414	7239
2024-07-01	3557	5077	7327
2024-08-01	3114	6241	6024
2024-09-01	2954	4135	5788
2024-10-01	2216	3916	5411
2024-11-01	1383	2655	3507
2024-12-01	739	1608	1869
<b>12 month Total</b>	<b>29505</b>	<b>43860</b>	<b>62672</b>
Average Daily Traffic	78.793	115.247	165.105
Average Daily Traffic x365	<b>28,838</b>	<b>42,180</b>	<b>60,428</b>



**Discussion:** Should an annual report be created and sent to town/village/P&R can include summary data available from trail counters, amounts collected via donations, event attendee counts, trails work hours, other special projects?

**Action:** Final report will be shared with Town and Village government after information is clarified at annual meeting on 1/16/25.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Larry Fisher

2 new paid members & 4 dropped members 227 total members

85 due to renew in next 12 months

**Upcoming Hikes:**

Wednesday January 1, 2025 9 am Fishers Park to Powder Mills Park

Saturday January 11, 2025 9 am, Ganondagan

Saturday February 8, 2025 9 am Boughton Park at Boughton Rd

Saturday March 8, 2025 9 am Mendon Ponds at Hundred Acre Pond Parking lot

Saturday April 12, 2025 9 am Powder Mills Park meet at Fish Hatchery

**Upcoming Educational Tours:** Jeff Miller

Sunday January 26 2 pm at Communication Technologies Museum

Sunday February 23 Wizard of Clay

Saturday March 15 Hoffman Clock Museum

Sunday April 27 Rush Oak Openings

Saturday May 24 Historic Palmyra

Sunday June 29 Bird Watching

Sunday July 27 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse

Sunday August 24 Watering Holes in Canandaigua

Saturday September 27 Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum

Sunday October 19 Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area

Sunday November 23 Wild Wings

Sunday December 21 Lamberton Conservatory

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Starr, Secretary