

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS BOD
VICTOR TOWN HALL
APRIL 17, 2025**

Participants: Dave Wright; Nancy Fisher, Larry Fisher, Barb Starr, Chauncy Young; Scott Reinhart; Karen Junker, John Texter; Jeff Hennick remote; Karen Guidarelli remote; Susan Utz guest

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 1:33 pm by Nancy Fisher

Discussion regarding VHS Students summer experience for SPED students; numerous suggestions and some questions, Dave made clear one objective of VHT is to be inclusive. Would need "soft skill" tasks, experiences, would have trained personnel from VHS accompanying at all times. Checklist include signing waiver, review tick prevention, would provide own gloves, many details to be worked out. Time frame July7-August 11, 6 weeks, probably Tuesdays and Thursdays. Would arrive by bus Susan will relay VHT input to VHS to implement the program and keep communication ongoing.

MOTION: to approve the March 2025 minutes made by Dave, seconded by Chauncy, motion approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugaber (not present)

March 2025

Bank balances:

Checking \$16,181.32

CDs \$ 13,105.61

PayPal \$0.00

Total \$29,286.93

Bills paid:

Credit card: \$403.99 - Storage Unit, Meetup six months Subscription

Saxby: \$62.90 - Chainsaw maintenance

Newark Historical Society \$50 - Education Hike donation

Notable Donations: Thank you!

\$100 Sharon McConnell

Donation Boxes \$.00 Maple Ave.

\$.00 Old Dutch

\$.00 Fishers

Notable Donations:

Ad Revenue:

Frank Carroll Donation total to date: ??

MOTION: to accept treasurer's report by Chauncy, seconded by Scott, motion approved

MOTION: to accept budget as presented by Ruth made by Chauncy, seconded by Larry, motion

approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Connectivity Sub-Committee presentation to village trustees by Lisa well received. The trustees discussed installing sidewalk on west side of School St to close gap, requested pricing for toilet.
- AARP Grant awards to be announced in May
- Update on permanent VHT storage of equipment-inquiries continue on possible use of property near Fishers FD (Annual Goal #1)-efforts continue. Fishers FD - Meeting request to discuss possible “home” location for VHT. Chief Tshiderer is transitioning out of the “Chief” role, new chief will be Commissioner Carfagno. Steve has been forwarding Scott’s emails to him.
- Electric Equipment purchase update-see Trail Boss
- By-laws update (Annual Goal #4) ready for a vote
- Rail building in Fishers-(Trolley Waiting Station) potential for postings along trail, noting history, mount to door in frame, plexiglass? Perhaps need a subcommittee – Lisa will attend Friends of the Railroad May meeting
- Fisher’s Fire Hall outdoor water fountain-new chief at fire station. Pricing estimated at least \$5,000 for new style fountain, \$1,000 for old style.

MOTION: by Dave to go forward with authorization to purchase fountain, with installation by FD on outer wall of FD building, including a sign in memory of Frank and June Carroll, second by Larry

- CNB Business of the month opportunity-possible table at the bank in June
- Event at FLX Cannabis event space?
- Art on the Trails (Goal #2) Nancy contacted the Ontario County Art Council regarding grant opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potential new grant opportunity – T Mobile Hometown Grant; Dave applying, would require project be completed in one year, focusing on small towns (50,000 or less). Building would be about 30x50, need electric and toilet (?composting), running water. Others may help with application.
- Lisa will meet with new Mendon Foundation President Brad Carlson to discuss collaboration ideas
- Investigate All Trails Public Lands Program <https://publiclands.alltrails.com/>
 - Free to nonprofits
 - Lisa reached out to get more information

MOTION: to approve revised by-laws made by Dave, seconded by Larry, motion approved.

OUTREACH EVENTS:

- Earth Day April 19 behind TJ Maxx added to Meetup
- Victor Village Tree Board Arbor Day April 26 at Victor Municipal Park added to Meetup

- Tom's Bike Shop Spring Fling May 3rd 10:30-2:00
- Taco and Trails at Old Pueblo – May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26
- National Trails Day June 7 at VMP
- Taco Tuesdays at Dryer Rd Park – June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16
- Victor Bike Fest and race at Dryer Rd Park August 22 & 23
- ADK Expo June 14th 9:30 – 3:30 at Mendon Ponds
- Explore Victor Fest Saturday Sept 13th 10:00 – 3:00 setup at 9

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

- New Billy Goat in; Twisted Branch will take one of the old Billy Goats and we will keep the third in reserve
- New small Echo battery powered chainsaw with 12" bar purchased with 2nd battery
- Need to get trailer inspected

Projects

- Bridge in Helen's Way: Veronica is planning on installing 5/17 while Chauncy away – Todd Beverly will supervise
- Replacement Bridge on Trolley Trail east of 251: Plan is P&R Dylan will replace, he has experience
- Hump between School and Maple; Joint effort with P&R
- o • Many other projects that are shovel ready if a scout or other group comes along

Maintenance

- Equipment ready to go

(This report was abbreviated by Barb - lots going on as always with Trail Boss!)

TRAIL BLAZER: Scott Reinhardt

- HOF - Nominations are due on May 1st. A reminder was sent out.
- Friend to VHT - (non-member who has made significant effort to work with VHT) We will select eligible recipient(s) from our list of nominations. Probably 2 nominees.
- Reimagine Victor - NY/Forward (awaiting Village decision on reapplying);
Mead Sq. Park (Seeking public input at the Memorial Day Parade)
Music on Main - dates on "Discover Victor"
Explore Victor Fest - 9/13/25, new name for Climb Aboard Victor
Other Sub-Committees in progress - Events; Business Improvement Strategies

- Timberview Estate Subdivision - Scott reached out via email to request a meeting.
- Suggestion to invite new village mayor to a VHT meeting

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright

Next newsletter will be published June 21; any submissions need to get to Dave by June 14.
April trail counts will be included with next months tally

2025 Trail Count Data

1	2	3	4	Avg Daily Traffic	6	Days with Data
Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	ADT	ADTx365	DWD
Auburn@Proximity	1,523	1,139	3,319	59	21,804	76
Auburn@FishersHall	1,203	1,147	2,134	46	17049	76
Lehigh@OldDutchRd	766	782	1,597	34	12,501	60
Lehigh@LehighXingPLot	1,585	1,520	2,223	57	20,928	74
Seneca@CountyRd41	463	456	656	17	6,363	60
Seneca@HighSt	111	155	205	5	1,971	60

LAST HIKE: Powder Mills Park participants:

MEMBERSHIP: Larry Fisher

There were no new members.

No members were dropped. Seven members will be dropped next month if no renewal is received by the end of this month.

Total membership is unchanged at 224.

70 members are due to renew in the next 12 months.

Thank you emails were sent to renewals.

Reminder emails were sent.

UPCOMING HIKES:

Saturday May 10 9 am Fishers Park

Saturday June 7 National Trails Day at Victor Municipal Park Pavilion

10am hike/bike ride followed by a cookout & dish to pass lunch & cake
Saturday June 14th ADK Expo at Mendon Ponds Park
Saturday July 12 Naples Creek Walk
Saturday August Keuka Outlet Trail in Penn Yan

EDUCATION: Jeff Miller

LAST EDUCATION EVENT: March - 15 attendees for Hoffman Clock Museum and Newark-Arcadia Historical Society Museum

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

Sunday April 27 Rush Oak Openings
Saturday May 24 Historic Palmyra
Sunday June 29 Bird Watching

ANNUAL GOALS

Goal #1: ID property for site of new storage shed

Goal #2: Create a Destination Trail

Goal #3: Complete 3 improvement projects

Goal # 4: Update by-laws

MOTION: by Chauncy to move meeting of June 19, 2025 to 5 pm at Victor Municipal Park.

Seconded by Dave, motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm by Nancy

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 15, at at 6:30 pm at Victor Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Starr
Secretary