

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
VICTOR/FARMINGTON LIBRARY
MAY 15, 2025**

Participants: Dave Wright; Chauncy Young; Nancy Fisher; Karen Guidarelli; Ruth Rugaber; Scott Reinhart; Lisa Roberts; Barb Starr; Guest Brad Carlson

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Lisa

Guest: Brad Carlson, Mendon Foundation Brad spent several minutes describing his role and some goals of Mendon Foundation, and the desire to work with VHT on shared concerns and issues. Trails are maintained in Mendon, along with properties of green spaces owned by the foundation. Shares concerns about recruiting new volunteers (Mendon no longer maintains a membership) and raising funds for support. Nat'l Trails Day, ADK Expo coordination could be

ACTION: Perhaps collaboration between MF and VHT with 3 races they run per year as fundraisers. VHT will share newsletter, National Trails Day and ADK Expo of interest to both groups

MOTION to approve the April 2025 minutes made by Dave, seconded by Chauncy, motion approved by all present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugaber

April 2025	Donation Boxes 00.00 all boxes
Bank balances:	Bills paid:
Checking \$ 10,666.95	Credit card: 225.00 storage unit
CDs \$ 13,105.61	American Equipment: \$5778.98 Billy Goat
Pay Pal \$0.00	

Ad Revenue:

Total \$ 23,722.56

Notable Donations: \$100.00 Thank you! Kristi Truscott (a few April donations not yet deposited)

Some other donations in April have not yet been deposited, will be reported on May report

Frank Carroll Donation total to date: \$1560.00

Chauncy brought 990 file for signatures to report for NY state

5/23/25 \$3,000 CD up for renewal

Hoffman Clock Museum has not yet cashed donation check from VHT

MOTION: to approve Treasury Rpt: by Chauncy, seconded by Lisa, motion approved

OLD BUSINESS

1.All Trails Public Lands Program <https://publiclands.alltrails.com/>

Lisa signed up, all Victor Trails now on the site

can have 3 users, Lisa will work with Jeff H to submit needed files

2.T Mobile Hometown Grant – Dave completed application

3.No information on AARP Grant awards yet

4.Update on permanent VHT storage of equipment-inquiries continue on possible use of property near Fishers FD (Annual Goal #1)

Awaiting meeting with FD 5/29 to move forward.

5. Lisa will attend Friends of the Railroad May meeting

6.Fisher's Fire Hall water fountain-still pursuing

7.CNB Business of the month opportunity

8.Event at FLX Cannabis event space

◦ discussion about a few Saturday eves; music, consider 3rd Saturday in July/August

9.Art on the Trails (Goal #2) Continued consideration over this year. Ontario County Art Council awards \$1000 application deadline June; not enough time to prepare and not enough \$ incentive at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Potential new grant opportunity – All Trails Stewards Fund grants from \$2000 - \$10,000 deadline for application June 30th Grants in five different categories, purpose is to expand outdoor access and preserve outdoor spaces.

OUTREACH EVENTS:

1. Taco and Trails at Old Pueblo – May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26
2. National Trails Day June 7 at VMP
3. ADK Expo June 14th 9:30 – 3:30 at Mendon Ponds; Lisa has flyers
4. Taco Tuesdays at Dryer Rd Park – June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16; may not be best use of VHT volunteers time-very few inquire about VHT from participants
5. Victor Bike Fest and race at Dryer Rd Park August 22 & 23
6. Explore Victor Fest Saturday Sept 13th 10:00 – 3:00 setup at 9
 - VHT Community Engagement Director Karen G is working on banner, poster boards, flyers with QR codes, has tables for displays at events

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

- Scheduling regular maintenance work on trails, a busy calendar a number of times per week
- New mowers doing well

TRAIL BLAZER: Scott Reinhart

- A Home for VHT - meeting with the new Fishers Fire Chief (Tony Carfagno) -May 29th
- Timberview Estate - Requested a meeting (5/7, 5/13)
- 2025 VHT HOF Inductee - chosen TBA June 7th, induction VHT fall dinner)
- 2025 Friends to VHT - chosen, TBA Lisa will notify “friends”
- Reimagine Victor - QR signs (Discover Victor) - posting signs on the Auburn & Lehigh? ; Music on Main (5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20); DRI application (July?); Mead Square Park - Memorial Day Parade input table
- Future Trails Map - How to move forward
- National Trails Day
- VHS Students - Lisa and Scott met yesterday (5/14) with Sue Utz and Emily Morsheimer to work out the details. Six sessions (Tuesdays) (July 8, 15, 22, 29 August 5, 12); 9:20 AM - 10:30 AM; Six or seven students; Emily oversees the program and plans on attending at least half the sessions. The regular school aides will be attending; Tasks & Recreation/fun.
TO DO: 1. Send Sue Utz a group sign-up. 2. Create a menu of locations and activities for them to select 3. Sign-up 4. Notify Brian Emelson

BUSINESS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT: Dave Wright

- Hometown Grants by T-Mobile: Working on the application. Met with Scott and Chauncy to review. Key for success is shovel ready at a location. Need to meet with Fishers Fire District to see if they are willing to lease us the space.
- Town Trail Easements for Future Trails: Planning dept now has all the information that Jeff Hennick found at the county courts. Planning Board chair would like to see a master trail plan.
RG&E Trail Easement: The town is waiting for a reply from RG&E. Dave will check with Victor Town Supervisor for the status.
- Trail Counts: counts are up to May 14th. Two counters on the Auburn, two on the Lehigh and two on the Seneca

- Newsletter: the VHT Summer issue will be distributed to all members and placed on the VHT website on or about June 21.
- Victor Business Awards Luncheon: Dave attended the luncheon. Awards: Molly V's Emerging Retailer of the Year, Busy Bean Café Restaurant Retailer of the year, Stumblin Monkey Retail Merchant of the year, Adelita's Mexican Cocina & Tequila Eastview Mall Retailer of the Year, John Turner Shining Star and Bristol's Garden Center Business of the Year.
- Veterans: Hike at Ganondagan State Historic Site on May 3 at 9:00 A.M. was cancelled due to rainy weather.
- On Sunday, May 25, we will do a clean up on the trails in conjunction with Fleet Feet.
- Trolley Sign: Parks and Rec is trying to recreate the sign on Maple Ave.

2025 Trail Count Data

Site	2	3	4	5	6	Avg Daily Traffic	8	Days with Data
Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	ADT	ADTx365	
Auburn@Proximity	1,523	1,139	3,319	4,047	4,395	91	33,256	132
Auburn@FishersHall	1,203	1,147	2,134	3,107	3,579	70	25,481	132
Lehigh@OldDutchRd	766	782	1,597	2,250	2,850	54	19,575	116
Lehigh@LehighXing	1,585	1,520	2,223	2,882	3,105	72	26,398	130
Seneca@CountyRd4 1	463	456	656	774	851	21	7,580	130
Seneca@HighSt	111	155	205	274	298	7	2,599	116

MEMBERSHIP: Larry Fisher

There were three new members this month.

Nine members were dropped.

Total membership is down from last month's 224 to 218.

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

Thank you emails were sent to new members and renewals.

Reminder emails were also sent.

LAST HIKE: Fishers Park participants

UPCOMING HIKES:

1. Saturday June 7 National Trails Day at Victor Municipal Park Pavilion
10am hike/bike ride followed by a cookout & dish to pass lunch & cake
2. Saturday June 14th ADK Expo at Mendon Ponds Park
3. Saturday July 12 Naples Creek Walk
4. Saturday August Keuka Outlet Trail in Penn Yan

EDUCATION: Jeff Miller

LAST EDUCATION EVENT: March - attendees for Rush Oak Openings: 25

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

- Saturday May 24 Historic Palmyra
- Sunday June 29 Bird Watching
- Sunday 8/24/25 Watering Holes in Canandaigua – Ontario County Historical Society

LEHIGH CROSSING PROJECT: Barb Starr

Work parties continue on Thursdays, usually at 2 pm. Phragmites as expected are popping up, and we are trying to keep up with the new growth. Mowers have observed flagged off requests for no mow area. New shrubs include elderberries and young white pine trees donated. All but 2 black cherry trees near the blue picnic table have been moved to east side of pond in more protected areas. Looking for kiosk to be replaced and shared so updated info about area can be posted. Numerous people have stopped to thank us for improvements, and are appreciating the labels on many plants. Pond water level is very high.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, at 5:00 p.m. at Victor Municipal Park Pavilion

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Starr

Secretary