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**April 27, 2000
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher	John McVay
Ruth Nellis	David Coleman	Allen Johnson	Chauncy Young
Norm Smith	Roberta Lockwood		

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Mar.:	CD	\$2089.11
	Checking account	432.03
	Savings account	2487.39
	Total	5008.53

Membership:

There were 8 new memberships this month and two renewals. This makes a total of 147 household memberships.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our upcoming May 13th hike at Spring Farm near Newark. It will be approximately 3-4 miles on level land. It may be muddy.

John McVay:

John provided an update on his Eagle Scout project. John and 15 other scouts will begin work on the project Sun., April 30. He has bought the lumber at Victor Coal and Lumber with the best price and service provided here; 4"X6" were ordered instead of 6"X6". He will also use the recycled lumber (1/3 total) which VHT has in storage.

Historian:

Dave W. and Roberta submitted articles on: Gov. Pataki who has pledged funding for bike and walking trails from Irondequoit Bay to Seneca Park Zoo, the Lehigh Valley Linear Trail and the Genesee Greenway; our Powder Mills Park hike; a fire on Stid Hill in So. Bristol; possible park land swap in Greece; Naples buys 90 acres for park; Grand Circle Travel catalog; land gift to Mendon Ponds.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The next issue will be mailed the end of May. Deadline for articles is May 25.
The town newsletter will be mailed May 8.

Trailmaster:

Carol and Dave W. visited Mr. Paul Bishop who owns land just north of the Thruway to the east of Victor-Egypt Rd.. He has some wetland areas and is not sure what to do with it – donate, sell to Town? On Wed., May 3, at 4PM, they will revisit this area with Jane Luce and Larry Fisher.

Carol and Dave W. will walk the 100 Acre Woods on Tues., May 2, 4PM; all are invited.
Meet on Gillis Rd across from Cobblestone.

Carol will contact land owners of property between Ganondagan and Boughton Park. She and Dave W. would like to walk it with the idea of there being a trail.

Mr. Larry Kesel will be contacted on Monday in regard to his property along Valentown to Crescent Trail.

Carol will call Bill Patterson of the Nature Conservancy to see if the organization has changed its mind on having Bentley Woods open to the public.

Trail Boss:

The RG&E parking lot on Dryer Rd. at Maple Ave. has been black topped. Larry received a license for permission to walk through on the Seneca at the power station on Dryer Rd..

Dave W. moved the trail markers from the field on Dryer Rd. to the RG&E parking lot.
Dave also built a dirt ramp to the new wooden bridge.

A work party at Mickey Finn's was held April 15, 2000, to remove brush.

Larry bought a new Sears self-propelled lawn mower.

The trail sweep was held on 4-22-00 and covered these sections:

Ganodagan – need 4X4 post and sign for trail turn at creek.

Monkey Run – trail signs have been removed by the construction company.

Need to remove 4x4 posts

Royal View Heights – need signs at Benson; quite a bit of trash noted; consider having a bench by the pond for reflection.

Interchange Heights – sign and stakes were knocked down.

E. Victor Rd. on Auburn – creek too high to get across

Mickey Finn – Proximity – trash picked up.

Seneca (School to Dryer) – section of no markers by Great Brook, large animal hole in middle of trail.

Regular trail maintenance begins Thurs., May 4, 2000. Check schedule!

Last Hike:

9 hikers showed up at the Powder Mills Park Fish Hatchery for a nice spring walk in the misty rain. The daffodils were 50% in bloom.

Old Business:

BPAC will be reviewing hiking trails for maps and a detailed data base.

We have received all of the necessary permissions to hike at the Spring Farm on May 13, 2000.

The Young property is on hold.

Dave W. met with Jim Anders of Mickey Finn's to decide what will be done. The agreement was VHT would trim and clear the trees and brush on the side of the trail. A group met on the morning of April 15, 2000 and did about 1/3 of the work.

Two town park signs have been installed at Fisher's Park.

A sign for Bluebird Haven will be installed at a later date.

Dave W. attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 6, 2000, to honor and thank the village and town highway workers.

Dave W. attended the Freeman's slide show on the Appalachian Trail at R.I.T. Great production and show.

The Town Board agreed that the engineering firm Kotz and Associates be hired to design the Dryer Rd. Park.

11 people are signed up to visit Marcia Bryan and hike the Adirondacks on April 28 – 30.

New Business:

Dave W. met with Paul Bishop of Victor-Egypt Rd. (see details under Trailmaster). Dave W. and Carol walked this property with Mr. Bishop on April 20, 2000.

Dave W. has some brochures on the Freshwater Wetlands Act from the DEC.

The NYS Canal Cruise and Trail Trek is scheduled for July 7-23, 2000. It will start near Albany and end in Lockport. The bikers and boaters will be passing through our area on July 18-20.

We have permission from Benderson Development to hike their section of the Seneca on National Trails Day June 3, 2000.

Rhoades Geologic Tours, Inc has scheduled some guided tours in our area:

Ice and Wine - May 5 & Oct. 7

Olmstead Parks – June 25 & Oct. 8

Rochester Rock Gorge - June 3 & Sept. 9

Downtown Walking Tours – April, May & June

Niagara Falls, NY - July 22

Cayuga & Seneca Lake - Sept. 23

Wayne County - Oct. 14

For details, call Dave W.

Cycle the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany from Aug. 12-20 with 174 others to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the canal.

Mother's Day, May 14, will be a hike at Indian Hill Recreation Area on rte.31 just east of Turk Hill Rd.. It will be led by Crescent Trails starting at 1:30PM.

Plaques will be placed along trails where Eagle Scouts have completed projects for the improvement of the trails.

An application for Hang Around Victor Day will be submitted.

The Victor Garden Club has asked VHT to come to their March 14, 2001 meeting (7:30PM, 2nd Wed. of the month) to give a 30-40 minute talk about our trails. \$25 will be given to VHT. Dave W. and Carol M. will be going; contact them if you would like to also go.

Dick Frietas and his wife of Penfield are giving guided hikes through the Penfield Rec. Dept. See birder sheet included.

There is a web site showing information on waterfalls in the Upstate NY area including Conklin Gully, Clark's Gully, Grimes Gully and Tannery Creek, all near Naples and HiTor. The address is www.naturalhighs.net.

Dave W. asked the Victor Historical Society to help on National Trails Day by supplying drinks at the museum for the hikers.

Victor Hills Golf asked the planning board for permission to clear the new fairways to 120 ft. wide, leaving 24" diameter or larger trees. They are planning to put bridges over the two creeks for our trails and allow us to make the trail longer and more interesting.

The density overlay and 50% open space for residential subdivisions was adopted by the Town Board.

Dave W. attended the Friends of Ganondagan annual meeting and talked with Peter Jemison regarding trails and the Dryer Rd. Park.

The Freemans have revised their first hiking book. It now contains 60 walking trails in the Rochester area.

Next Hike: May 13, Spring Farm, Newark. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM..

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., May 25, 2000.

Adjournment: 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

May 4	Prune and mow the Seneca Trail at Auburn Creek Driving Range
May 6	Prune and mow the Seneca Trail at Ganondagan on Maple Ave.
May 11	Prune and mow the Auburn Trail From East Victor Rd to Break of Day Rd.
May 13	Hike Spring Farm in Newark
May 18	Prune and mow the Seneca Trail from Fishers Fire Dept. House 2 to Willowbrook
May 20	Prune and mow the Seneca Trail from Maple Ave to School St.
May 24	Prune and mow all of Monkey Run
May 25	Monthly meeting
June 3	National Trail Day. Hike the Seneca from Ganondagan to Valentown.
June 10	Hike Urbana State Forest
July 8	Gully hike Tannery and Grimes Glens in Naples
Aug. 12	Hike Howland Island (Montezuma Refuge)
Sept. 2	Canandaigua Lake "Ring of Fire" celebration
Sept. 9	Booth at Hang Around Victor Day. History walk. Millennium celebration.
Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1	Fall hike in the Adirondacks.
Oct. 14	Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11	Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9	Hike Durand Eastman Park

"A cold wet May means a barnful of hay." From Yankee Weather Proverbs