

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
VICTOR TOWN HALL
JUNE 19, 2025**

Participants: Chauncy Young, Karen Guidarelli, Barbara Starr, Jeff Hennick, Lisa Roberts, Ruth Rugabar, Scott Reinhart, Karen Junker (remote)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Lisa at 5:06 pm (site of meeting changed to Victor Town Hall due to inclement weather)

GUEST: Michelle Chalupa Trustee Village of Victor

Discussion of several items that require cooperation between Village and VHT.

- VHT is refurbishing benches from the library for use on sidewalk and trail loop around Auburn, Rawson and School St. Need permission from village to place them.
- Need Village to complete sidewalk along School St with some work to level some of the grade to Auburn for entire loop to meet ADA requirements as well as create 2 entrances to Auburn Trail
- More signage to create hub, welcome to Village, make finding businesses easy for hikers, bikers that are using the trails in good numbers.
- Additional discussion about possibility of pavilion for Farm Market which could include small kitchenette and possible bathroom

MOTION to approve the May 2025 minutes by Ruth, seconded by Chauncy, motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugaber

May 2025

Bank balances:

Checking \$11,855.02

CDs \$13,105.61

PayPal \$0.00

Total \$24,960.63

Bills paid:

Credit card: \$934.94 - Storage Unit, Trail Work, Trail Boss, Fuel

Notable Donations:

1- \$500 2 - \$200 1 - \$100

Donation Boxes \$ 5.00 Maple Ave. \$ 10.00 Old Dutch \$ 3.00 Fishers

Misc. Donations: \$30 Neck Gaiters \$12 General Donations

Other notes: a \$3,000.00 CD was renewed 5/23/25; Hoffman Clock Museum has not cashed their \$50.00

Donation check from VHT

MOTION: by Lisa to approve Treasurer's Report, second by Chauncy, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

- All Trails Public Lands Program <https://publiclands.alltrails.com/>
Lisa will work with Jeff H to identify routes, locations and names, then submit needed files
More signs needed on trails; PLP request all trails be type of loop and have names
An Eagle Scout, Kyra Bhalla would like to pursue project to add additional signage to trails
- No funds awarded from AARP Grant application, not applying for T-Mobile grant

- 3500 applications were received for AARP grant
- Karen G, experienced with grant applications, projects need to be measurable; helpful to have letters of support from other groups
- Victor Village has received grant for \$50,000.00 for pavilion for Farmer's Market; this has additional requirements for timing etc but is a positive achievement that may lead to further exploration of grants
- Update on permanent VHT storage of equipment- met with Fisher's Fire Chief at Fishers location (Annual Goal #1) New information that Fisher Fire Dept has plans to dissolve
- May still have option of storage space on Morell development on Rawson Rd. Not as ideal since might not be able to have "drive thru" building. Need to continue to explore all options. Nothing has started at the site yet, therefore there may be changes
- Lisa attended Friends of the Railroad May meeting
 - expect to receive a Pomeroy sign for the trolley waiting shed in Fishers
 - discussed possibility of applying for a Pomeroy sign for the trolley abutments on the Lehigh Trail, partnering with VHT on other projects
- Fisher's Fire Hall water fountain, met the Chief, requested to attend a board meeting, no outside water access in the grassy area near the fire station
- Display at CNB – thank you Karen, Lisa received 1 email asking about volunteering
- Event at FLX Cannabis event space scheduled

NEW BUSINESS:

Can VHT Implement some of the improvements and projects requested during the village connectivity committee open house

VHT buttons & pins

- Use as thank you, free give away, or fund raisers
- Samples checked by BOD members, 2" diameter pin cost \$75 for 100; \$150 for 250 was chosen

MOTION: by Lisa to purchase 250 pins for \$150, second by Scott, motion passed.

Brief discussion of need for suitable table to use at events that will properly display new banner and other items given by Karen G.

MOTION: by Lisa to purchase 8 foot folding table for \$80.00 seconded by Scott, motion approved by all.

MOTION: by Lisa to purchase 500 additional business cards(without any phone number) for \$500.00 second by Karen G

Motion approved by all present.

- No need for additional stickers at this time
- Sneaker recycle program – VFL has offered to be a drop off location for sneakers, see fact sheet for what's accepted, some are recycled, others are reused. Can promote with other outdoor groups. Will split the proceeds with the library
- GVHC is going to resume allowing a hike leader for 2 organizations simultaneously, Chauncy will be leading some GVHC hikes and listing them on VHT's Meetup calendar

OUTREACH EVENTS:

- Taco and Trails at Old Pueblo – June 24, July 22, August 26
- 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
- Explore Victor Fest Saturday Sept 13th 10:00 – 3:00 setup at 9

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

- Stone Brook Trail-initial pass on new trail, moving of many plants with assistance of volunteers; trail marked but not open to public yet
- Another scout (Vernonica) interested in building a bridge in Helen's Way preserve.
- Billy Goats working well
- Help needed with refurbishing benches for loop trail in Victor Village
- No regular maintenance to be scheduled for 2 weeks (last weeks June and beginning of July)

TRAIL BLAZER: Scott Reinhart

- Timberview Another request made for a property walk-around/meeting
- VCS SPED students
 - Teacher contact: Emily Morsheimer Summer Volunteer Experience
 - Students arrive at approximately 9:20, on site for approximately an hour
 - Students will have assigned aides with them, mainly looking for positive outdoor experience for students. May cancel if inclement weather.
- Reimagine Mead Square Park
Opportunity for VHT input

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright

Village Voice newsletter article due to Suzy by June 23rd

2025 Trail Count Data

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Ave Daily Traffic	ADTx365	Days with data
Auburn @ Proximity	1,523	1,139	3,319	4,047	4,395		91	33,256	132
Auburn at Fishers Fire Hall	1,203	1,147	2,134	3,107	3,579	5,676	87	31,591	165
Lehigh @ Old Dutch Rd	766	782	1,597	2,250	2,850	3,694	65	23,802	149
Lehigh Crossing Park Parking Lot	1,585	1,520	2,223	2,882	3,105	4,202	83	30,192	163
Seneca @ County Rd 41	463	456	656	774	851	1,242	23	8,456	149
Seneca @ High St	111	155	205	274	298	316	8	2,881	149

MEMBERSHIP: Larry Fisher

Six members dropped, also eliminated a duplicate record. Total membership 213.

LAST HIKE:

National Trails Day June 7 at VMP 2 groups of hikers, 9 total 3 people did a nature walk, 6 bikers

June 14th ADK Expo at Mendon Ponds Park 6 hikers

UPCOMING HIKES:

Saturday July 12 Naples Creek Walk

Saturday August 9 3 pm Dryer Rd Park celebration of life for Carol MacInnes followed by a hike

Sunday August 10 Keuka Outlet Trail in Penn Yan bike ride

EDUCATION: Jeff Miller

LAST EDUCATION EVENT: May– Historic Palmyra, 8 attended

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

Sunday June 29 Bird Watching in Tinker Nature Park

Friday July 11 Wild Wings Birds of Prey Facility Tour (VFL event)

Saturday July 19 Finger Lakes Cannabis

Sunday July 27 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse

Sunday August 24 Watering Holes in Canandaigua, Ontario County Historical Society tour

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 - completed

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Starr Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 17, at 5:00 p.m. at Victor Municipal Park

