

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
VICTOR TOWN HALL
JULY 17, 2025**

Participants: Chauncy Young, Karen Guidarelli, Barbara Starr, Jeff Hennick, Lisa Roberts, Ruth Rugabar, Scott Reinhart, Dave Wright, Nancy Fisher

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5 pm by Llsa

MOTION to approve the June 2025 minutes by Lisa, seconded by Ruth, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugabar

Discussion:

Need to recruit new Treasurer; Ruth will be leaving Victor and moving to the state of Washington in October, 2025. She will be sorely missed by VHT, especially as serving for many years as the treasurer. States could do remotely for short time, but could not pay bills. Estimated time per month working on treasurer position about 10 hours. Using Quick Books-best to continue using with new treasurer. Best recollection is that recruitment in past was through response to Facebook posting-3 persons sought position. Past treasurer was Barbara Cole, now retired.

Action:

- Send notice via email to all members
- Create flyer to circulate locally, post around Victor

June 2025

Bank balances:

Checking	\$10,414.07
CDs	13,105.61
PayPal	0.00
Total	\$23,519.68

Bills paid:

Credit card: \$667.71-Storage Unit, Trail Work, Trail Boss, Fuel
American Equipment \$197.97-Supplies for new electric chain saw
Dave Wright \$12.86 NTD ice
Scott Reinhart \$87.25 NTD food

Notable Donations:

\$125 Christopher Smith

\$100 Maureen Pilger

Donation Boxes \$.00 Maple Ave. \$ 2.00 Old Dutch \$ 7.00 Fishers

Misc Donations: ADK Expo \$34.00

MOTION: made by Lisa, seconded by Chauncy, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- All Trails Public Lands Program update-working on more names for trails with colors, trails favored that are loops
- Update on permanent VHT storage of equipment (Annual Goal #1)
- Public meeting about the current volunteer fire department dissolution postponed to December, but this does not mean that it will not close; town most likely needs to take over and designate what fire department will cover for this area.
- Village connectivity project – Lisa to attend August 18th Village Trustee mtg with proposal that VHT clear a space along the Auburn Trail for benches and picnic tables (Annual Goal #2) Village of Victor needs to give permission, clear and level an area for benches and table
- VHT buttons received, met with approval by BOD, attractive, nice size to fit on hat, etc. good price-37 cents each
- VHT business cards received-cards look good, phone number that no longer exists removed.
- VHT Rack card-some additional suggestions made regarding rack card. Lisa will work to revise a bit more; trying to include “wellness” side of trails and activities, more than just hiking and biking
- Farmington Farmer’s Market offering to advertise and collect for sneaker recycle program

NEW BUSINESS:

- LSI Wellness Day Friday August 1st
 - 4 hikes/walks-2 fast 2 slow: early 2 @10-11 and 10-12, 2@ 1-2 and 1-3 Chauncy & Jeff H leaders
 - Table Nancy and Bruce at 9:15 am-probably may leave early-employees have activities scheduled
- Any old VHT newspaper clippings can be scanned for archiving with the Town Historian’s office, Lisa will meet and provide articles from Carol MacInnes. Several old clippings passed around table. Current events are saved on website. Treasury records need to go back 7 years.
- Potential new VHT sponsors
 - The Residences at Auburn Trail; include VHT rackcards in resident welcome package
 - Victor’s Daily Perk & Cafe
 - DeWolf Brewery & Restaurant

\$75.00 is current fee for advertising in VHT Newsletter; ask more for sponsorship

Suggestion made for subcommittee to follow up on getting sponsorships from businesses

OUTREACH EVENTS:

Tacos and Trails at Old Pueblo – July 22, August 26 Lisa will do hike

Taco Tuesdays at Dryer Rd Park – August 19, September 16 Chauncy will lead hikes

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

Eagle Scout Projects (Annual Goal #3)

- Fisher’s Park observation deck
- Helen’s Way
- Domine Trails wayfinding signs

Trail Boss needs back-up

- Need to begin to look for trail maintenance assistance
- Approach Brian P&R
- Town of Victor needs to know VHT unable to cover all private owned privately
- Seasonal coverage May through October
- Check with lawyer related to private properties
- Trails counts should help to convey the need and the benefit of the trail maintenance to Victor

Mower in good condition offered to VHT for sale appropriate for use on trails from family of Ruth as they are moving out of state and will not be bringing mower there.

MOTION: by Lisa to offer \$2500 for mower, seconded by Chauncy, motion carried.

TRAIL BLAZER: Scott Reinhart

- Timberview- Mauro Polidori responded to request for a meeting. None scheduled until needed approvals have been given, awaiting map that has not been completed.
- VHT/VHS SPED Student Summer Program - Four remaining dates (9:20 -10:30AM):
7/22 - Lehigh Crossing (Scott, Barb)
7/29 - Victor Municipal (Dave, Karen)
8/5 - Fishers Park (Dave, Scott)
8/12 - Trolley Trail (Dave, Scott)
- Fundraising Strategies-ongoing
- Reimagine Mead Square Park meeting held July 15th ; presentation: some ideas include flat “rooms”, stones for play; raised stage;
- Fall dinner to honor volunteers to be 10/6/25 at Fire on Main

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright

Lehigh Crossing Park: Barb Starr

Weekly work parties continue. Pond much lower due to breaching of nearby beaver dam. Much appreciate mowers avoiding flagged off areas.

2025 Trail Count Data

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Ave Daily Traffic	ADTx365	Days with data
Auburn at Proximity	1,523	1,139	3,31	4,04	4,395		91	33,256	132
Auburn at Fishers Fire Hall	1,203	1,147	2,13	3,10	3,579	5,676	87	31,591	165
Lehigh at Old Dutch Rd	766	782	1,59	2,25	2,850	3,694	65	23,802	149
Lehigh Crossing Park Parking Lot	1,585	1,520	2,22	2,88	3,105	4,202	83	30,192	163
Seneca at County Rd 41	463	456	3	2	851	1,242	23	8,456	149
Seneca at High	111	155	205	274	298	316	8	2,881	149

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MEMBERSHIP: Larry Fisher
Total membership 213

LAST HIKE:

Naples creek walk and hike 9 attended

UPCOMING HIKES:

Need to schedule hikes for fall & winter

September 13 Explore Victor

October TNC Hickory Ridge

November Victor-Dryer Road

December Mendon Ponds

January Indian Hill

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: June bird watching 10 attended

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

- Saturday July 19 Finger Lakes Cannabis event cancelled due to not enough attendance as determined by FLCannabis
- Sunday July 27 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse
- Sunday August 24 Watering Holes in Canandaigua, Ontario County Historical Society tour
- Saturday September 27, 2025 Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum

ANNUAL GOALS

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

Goal #2: Create a Destination Trail

Goal #3: Complete 3 improvement projects – Eagle Scout projects & Auburn Trail Hub

Goal # 4: Update by-laws - completed

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, August 21, at 6:00** p.m.** at Victor Town Hall

**Please note time 30 minutes earlier than past meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Starr Secretary

