

# ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

## JANUARY 10, 2020

**PRESENT:** Jack Marren, Chauncy Young, Mary Duprey, Karen Hansen, Bob Kelly, Gary Sabin, Karen Guidarelli, Galen Powers, Bob Haggett, Mike Stockman, Amy DiPrima, David Lee, Kathy Rayburn, and Suzy Mandrino.

**Jack Marren** said good morning and welcome to 2020. He thanked everyone for the cards, phone calls, texts, and well wishes.

### **Chauncy Young - Victor Hiking Trails**

Chauncy passed around a copy of VHT's newsletter along with past & future hikes. The next hike is tomorrow at Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area. Looks like it will be wet and no snow. On 2/8 our hike will be in Fishers Park & Domine Trails. Also on that day at 2:00 PM we will be leading a family hike during P&R Winterfest. On March 14<sup>th</sup> our hike will be at Cumming Nature Center.

The Hike & Bike Destination group is still operating and we continue to look for possible hubs. P&R received a grant for an accessible mountain bike program. The Boughton Park Commission is still looking into what to do about the new dam regulations. They are continuing to cut a lot of dead/dying trees that are potential risk to the Park users. I am supervising an Eagle Scout project that will put four more benches in on the two main roads.

Jack thanked Chauncy and said he has been a great addition to the Boughton Park Commission.

### **Mary Duprey - Victor Garden Club**

It is the time of year to think about the flower pots. I passed around the form for the 2020 Garden Club annual fundraiser. Many of you have supported us in the past and we appreciate it. Please share the form with anyone in your groups. We will be taking orders until March 25. The flower pot pick-up will be on Thursday, May 21, from 4:30-6:00 PM.

### **Karen Hansen - Community Clothes Closet**

For December, without the Day of Giving, we had 103 patrons. We were only open two days because of the holidays and lack of volunteers. We gave out \$10,500 worth of goods (coats, shoes, boots & accessories). On the Day of Giving, 12/14, we had 70 people. We were open three hours and gave away \$7,000 worth of goods and also \$1,800 worth of linens (sheets, blankets, & towels). The total between the two days was \$21,921. Approx. 70% of the people that came in during the holidays were new. The huge majority of people

who come in work - they work at retail stores and fast food restaurants and don't make a lot of money. This community is amazingly generous.

At the Victor United Methodist Church will be a monthly FREE spaghetti dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 5:30-8:00 PM.

Jack noted that he had two bags of clothes to give Karen after the meeting.

### **Bob Kelly - Village Trustee**

One of the things that the Village is working on with regards to Village Revitalization is to be more connected. We are working with Kathy and Mike S. I was talking with Chauncy on how we can tie the Village in with Victor Hiking Trails. We have one of the best trail systems in upstate New York. The Village is also looking at applying for a grant for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Historic Advisory Committee coordinates a series of lectures that will be starting up in March. They are on the first Thursday of the month. The first speaker will be Steve Straight and will be on motorcycle racing. I will get a list of the speakers to Suzy.

### **Gary Sabin - Serenity House**

At the last meeting I handed out Save the Date cards for our Gala that will be on March 7, 2020 at Locust Hill. It is our largest fundraiser. It is a dinner dance, silent auction, live auction and raffles. Tickets are \$125/per person and are \$115 if purchased by 2/5.

### **Karen Guidarelli - Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard**

The Food Cupboard delivered, with our van, a lot of food. We had quite a number of people who did not have transportation for one reason or another.

The Day of Giving was well attended. Approx. 118 families were on the receiving end of Angel Tree gifts; over 600 families picked up Christmas Food Baskets; and another 50-60 were delivered/picked up between the 14<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve.

We are still looking for a location. We are beginning to think we might need to build. We have been looking at everything on the market. Our biggest needs are at least 25 parking spaces, a loading dock door, and about 2,000 square feet of space.

We voted Monday night to be a 'Front Door Agency' with Foodlink. Which means we will be one of two agencies in the County that will do referrals and have a place at the table for bigger conversations on poverty and food. It will also open the door to Foodlink's new grant writer.

Jack noted that the Pittsford Food Pantry went through a similar situation and everything worked out well for them. Hopefully you will have the same success.

Karen H asked about her temp paid position. Karen G noted that they extended it until April.

### **Galen Powers - Victor Farmington Rotary**

We had a successful Giving Tree at TOPS, about 50% more gifts came through than any of the previous 30 years added up. The community was incredibly generous this year. We had between 2,200 and 2,300 gifts come through.

At the end of this month we are hosting a Youth Exchange Brunch for Rotary. This is for all the Youth Exchange students in our district. This year we are having a Valentines for Vets for the students.

Our major fundraiser is coming up on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Ravenwood Golf Club.

### **Bob Haggett - Village Tree Board & American Legion Post #931**

Our contract Arborist, Chris Luley, will be retiring at the end of March. We hired Josh Galiley to be our contract Arborist moving forward. We did a review of the Gullace Proposal for the Village and made several recommendations. Our Arbor Day celebration will be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. A total of 41 trees of 12 different species will be planted on Rawson Road. We have completed our Urban Forestry Management Plan.

### **American Legion Post #931**

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Finn's Tap Room. Our Annual Poppy Fund Drive will be held on May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. We will be outside Walmart.

Wreaths Across America was on December 14<sup>th</sup> and went very well. Our goal was to place a wreath at each of the veteran graves in Victor. There were 27 graves in the Village Cemetery, 245 at Boughton Hill Cemetery, and 247 at St. Patrick's Cemetery. 523 wreaths were placed. We want to thank the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, and all the volunteers that helped us out. Our fundraising for 2020 has begun and will continue. We have an estimated carryover of about 100 wreaths.

Mary asked what the cost of each wreath was. The cost is \$15 per wreath and \$5 of that comes back to the Legion and we put that towards more wreaths.

### **Mike Stockman - Victor Parks & Recreation**

Winterfest is coming up on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This year we will have the Amazing Magic Joe. In our gym will be the bounce houses. Victor Hiking Trails will lead a hike and FLCC's Logging Sports Team will do a demo. Everything is free.

I passed around Brian Emelson's department report. One item to note - we received a grant from Finger Lakes Visitor's Connection to buy an adaptive mountain bike for rental on our trails and also to do some instructional programming. It has been one of our initiatives at P&R to increase accessibility for people of all abilities. Please read through the entire report and you will see what our department does over a period of time.

Christmas in the Village was a lot of fun. We are looking to condense it a bit. Maybe have a half day. Look for a new & revamped program later this year.

Jack thanked Mike on what he brings to our P&R program, his passion and certainly energy. The department continues to shine and does great things in our community.

Jack noted that he was a few months behind on congratulating Amy and welcoming her to the group.

### **Amy DiPrima - Victor Chamber of Commerce**

Our Meet 'n Greets that are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday nights of the month will be revamped a little bit. The next one will be at Prime Steakhouse from 4:30-6:30 PM. Rochester Regional Health will be speaking about some of their facilities that they have and the impact that they will have on Victor. The time will change for future events and will be 5-7 PM.

I passed around the Women of Excellence Awards nomination packet. This will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Ravenwood Golf Club. The nominations are due by 1/31/2020. Instead of the typical auctions and stuff, I plan on having women owned businesses showcase who they are and talk about their business. They will each have a donation that will be raffled off.

### **David Lee - Finger Lakes Tourism**

Our organization established a Visitor Experience Fund and this year's focus on that fund was accessibility. We were able to award successfully 6 either partial or full applications. Later this month will be the official announcement.

We are also launching a tentative schedule for our FLVC University. Some of the highlights will be Accessibility - 5 Things You Can Do Right Now On Your Website To Become More Accessible; we will touch on Agri-tourism and partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension; and Carla Jordan and her team with the County will present on sustainability and best practices.

One of our team members, Tracy Burke, a recently hired Director of Sales, is on her way to Omaha, Nebraska for the American Bus Association. This is a nation-wide conference for motor coach operators.

Coming up will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tasting event sponsored by the ROC/FLX Craft Beverage Trail - First Fest Round Two. This will be on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 PM at Ravenwood Golf Club. The Trail is looking for five food vendors for the event. See me if you have any questions.

**Kathy Rayburn - Economic Development & Victor Local Development Corp (VLDC)**

The Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant is funded through Governor Cuomo's office. \$10 million is the potential of being awarded. Recent grant recipients have been: City of Batavia and Penn Yan. I was able to secure the grant writer with LaBella Associates. This is a united effort with the Village & Town. We are in a great position to apply for this with all the plans that we have done between the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Access Management, Route 96 Plan and the Village's Revitalization Plan. We have all the pieces in place and we have projects that are in all of those plans and we need to put it together in this grant application. We will be having a public meeting and we will be expanding our group to encompass some of these other activities and projects. It is a pretty aggressive timetable. I believe the grant application is due in May.

Retail is not dead, but it is changing. You might see empty store fronts, but there are a lot of things going on. ESL has an offer in on the former Victor Coal & Lumber building; Bright Raven Gymnastics is taking over the site behind Victor Child Care on School Street; Sweet Basil Café is looking to go into 2 East Main Street (cobblestone building); Busy Bean Coffee is going into the former Christy's Café at 10 East Main Street; a new bike shop opening up in the spring near NYBP; Farmhouse Brewery is open next to Fleet Feet; Dick's Sporting Goods is transforming the former Sears building; and Hobby Lobby is going into part of the Kmart building.

The LDC is hosting a Developer's Forum on June 4<sup>th</sup> in coordination with the Town. That is a way to showcase some of the development sites and buildings that are available.

**Jack Marren - Town of Victor Supervisor**

I was an individual that was pretty healthy and I took health for granted. I have had five individuals come up to me recently and tell me I inspired them. They have gone to their doctors and have gotten a full physical, stress test, EKG, and the works. Please don't take things for granted, do your check-ups. I am making some changes to insure life will continue for a long time. I can't thank Deputy Town Supervisor Dave Condon enough. He provided me the opportunity to rest and recover at a slow pace. I did come back to work this week for three hours a day.

Karen G - the Library's Books on Beds Program went really well. They gave out a little over 1,000 books. They had 250 new books wrapped and given to kids.

Have a great month everyone!

The next meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>