

# ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

## MAY 3, 2019

**PRESENT:** Jack Marren, Chauncy Young, David Lee, Don Emirbayer, Jodell Raymond, Bob Haggett, Krystina Dippel, Alexis Ogra, Mike Stockman, Karen Guidarelli, Gary Sabin, Kathy Rayburn, Jenilyn Mescall, Mary Duprey, Trisha Turner, Dale Dewey, Galen Powers, Bob Kelly, Karen Hansen, Casey Paige, and Suzy Mandrino.

**Jack** welcomed everyone.

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

Chauncy had attended the International Trail Symposium. He passed around some pictures of rigging - moving rocks with cables. The first three days he participated in the rigging instruction. They also talked about diversity on the trails. How to encourage/engage all ethnic groups to use the trails. Health was a big topic at the Symposium. There was a "Prescribe-A-Trail" session and others on connecting with people in the Healthcare field and how to get people to recognize why trails are important. Other sessions included: Rails Next to Trails, mapping, construction costs and Economic Development, the Impact of Trails on Your Community.

He passed around the flyer for National Trails Day, Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Victor Parks & Recreation facility. This is VHT's biggest event of the year. It is an all-day event starting at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast and a pizza lunch.

The next hike will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at Bentley Woods/Domine Trail in Fishers. Hoping to see some wildflowers.

VHT has several Boy Scout projects scheduled for this year.

Jack announced that Casey Paige, Highway Administrative Assistant, would be here at 8:45 AM to introduce a new concept.

### **Don Emirbayer - FLCC Victor Campus**

They are still enrolling for summer. Enrollment has started for the fall. They have had two very successful lectures on Renewable Energy & Sustainability.

Dr. Sam Samanta is having his Co-op Ventures 9 for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row. This will be on May 16, 5-7 PM. Each student gets 5-10 minutes to talk about their working experience at Co-op's. Most of the students are hired or working as they complete the program. These are High Tech positions.

The graduation is coming up on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the CMAC shell on the main campus.

Karen Hansen asked if there is a program for seniors where classes are free and what the age requirement would be. Don said there was a program and the age is 65. Just call the Campus Center and they would have the details.

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

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Literature Exchange at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center at 9:00 AM. The Kettle Ridge Farm Pancake Truck will be there also.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting to kick-off the impact study/research regarding the Impact of Cultural Heritage Tourism on Ontario County. The meeting will be at 8:30 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at the Municipal Building.

Later in the afternoon on the 9<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting regarding Wedding & Unique Venues at 3:30 PM.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Bi-Annual Legacy Awards at the New York Beer Project (NYBP) starting at 5:00 PM.

#### **Jodell Raymond - Victor Chamber of Commerce**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Victor & Farmington State of the Towns with Jack Marren and Kathy Rayburn from Victor and Pete Ingalsbe and Ron Brand from Farmington. This will be at the Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack starting at 11:30 AM with networking and the speakers from Noon to 1:15 PM. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a formal annual meeting starting at 7:30 AM at Homewood Suites. Sponsored by Empire Access with a guest speaker.

#### **Bob Haggett - Village Tree Board**

There are three new oak trees on High Street to replace dead Maple trees that were removed. They are a special Oak highbred species that are part of a Cornell study. Two more of these trees were also planted at Victor Municipal Park.

The Arbor Day Celebration went well even though it was cold and snowy on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There were a total of 28 trees planted of 15 different species.

We are making great progress on our Village of Victor Urban Forestry Management Plan and should have that completed by the end of June.

### **American Legion Post 931**

The monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Finn's Tap Room. We are getting ready to do our annual Poppy Drive. These will be at Walmart the weekends in May.

They are also working on Wreaths Across America. This is an organization that supplies wreaths to veterans' graves. This will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> and will have a ceremony in front of the Town Hall. They are working on getting the Victor cemeteries in the system for donations.

### **Krystina Dippel - Victor-Farmington Library**

They had two very successful fundraisers this month. The Friends of the VF Library had a used book sale, which is held twice a year, and they made a little over \$3,000. On Wednesday they had their Annual Silent Art Auction and made a little over \$2,000. The money goes to fund the Summer Reading Program.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Repair Café from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Repairs can be made on textiles, small appliances, stuffed toys, jewelry, or small electronics. This is the first time we are trying it and hope it will continue.

### **Alexis Ogra - Congressman Collins Office**

A small update from Washington. There are concerns on rising lake levels. Plan 2014 is still in place from two years ago. There are serious concerns about flooding.

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

Today starts the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Week for Honor Flight. Over the past 7 years we have raised over \$130,000 which is enough to send 260 veterans to Washington DC to see their Memorials. The Rochester Honor Flight Division is one of the only ones that sends Vietnam Veterans regularly. So buy some raffle tickets for gift baskets. Various businesses around town have specials or discounts with proceeds going to Honor Flight. This runs 5/3 to 5/10.

Getting ready for the Memorial Day Parade. Monday, 5/28, starting at 10:00 AM.

Mike passed around handouts for the Sid Partington Concert Series starting on June 13<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. This event has grown and we have some bigger bands such as Ruby Shooz. This year we have a new partner, Crush Wine Tours, which will be running shuttles from downtown in the Village out to Victor Municipal Park.

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

On May 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Otto Tomottos fundraiser from 4-9 PM. We are also wrapping up a survey and will have the results in June on what is going on with our clients. We are

working on a grant with Rotary to do Kids Cooking Kits at the Farmers' Market this year. We will be there every Wednesday and will have vouchers for clients to use at the Market.

We are also thinking about a Prescription for Health Program. Maybe we could work with Victor Hiking Trails on a PILOT Program and do a short hike from the Farmers' Market and somehow tie-in the food vouchers. There is a Nationwide Program where Doctors prescribe fruits & vegetables. Pharmacies that have grocery stores take those prescriptions and give people \$10 worth of fruits & vegetables.

We are serving roughly 600 families a month.

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

Tomorrow we will have our outdoor Working Bee from 9:00 AM to Noon. This was postponed from last weekend. Groups that usually participate are: Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and Serenity House board members. Coffee & donuts will be supplied.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Cheers to Volunteers as a thank you to anyone who has been a volunteer at Serenity House during our first 20 years. This will be at Ravenwood Golf Club from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. We have had over 400 residents at Serenity House over the 20 years.

We are working on organizing a 5K, but do not have a date yet.

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

Yesterday was our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards Luncheon. We had 18 Businesses that we recognized and great representation from State & Local leaders.

The LDC is working on some GAP financing for a significant commercial retailer that we are trying to get in the Village.

We are also finalizing applications for the Façade Program. This is a Village building improvement program that is offered every year and funded through the Village Urban Renewal Agency and the VLDC. It is a grant program.

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

Bob thanked the Village Tree Board for beautifying the Village. The trees on Church Street are all in blossom.

The Village Board approved their budget for the upcoming year. We had some small cuts from the State that we had to deal with. It has been two years now that I have been a Trustee and I have been so impressed with the way that local government spends tax payer's money and how careful they are with it and how much of what we collect in taxes

goes back to providing direct services to people. We have a four million dollar budget and much of it goes back to maintaining our roads, plowing our sidewalks, picking up trash, and doing all the things that make our community a better place to live. I am impressed with the people I work with.

**Jenilyn Mescall - Hampton Inn & Suites**

I am the new Director of Sales and I started a couple of months ago. We have finished our renovations, please stop by and check it out. I would love to give you a tour. We are heading into our busy season and are hiring for a lot of positions: front desk, housekeeping, breakfast and a sales & event coordinator.

**Mary Duprey - Victor Garden Club**

The Flower Pot fundraiser will be ready for pickup on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:30-6:00 PM here in the back parking lot.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual Plant Sale in the Library parking lot. This will be from 9-11 AM. Proceeds go to fund civic beautification projects around the town and village and towards one scholarship.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be planting flowers at the four corners by Chili's and Denny's and in front of the Town Hall and in the big pots around the Village.

**Trisha Turner - Assemblyman Kolb**

Trisha congratulated Kathy on a fantastic job yesterday at the Business Awards Luncheon.

Our annual Honor Flight Breakfast will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Ravenwood. Tickets are \$25 each or a table of 8 for \$200 which includes being a table sponsor. 100% of all proceeds goes to Honor Flight.

**Karen Hansen - Community Clothes Closet**

Last month we had 78 families come in and we gave out about \$7,800 worth of goods.

The Victor United Methodist Church will have a festival on Memorial Day. They will have food and a bounce house and all kinds of games for the kids. It will be right after the parade.

**Dale Dewey - SCORE**

This week has been National Small Business Week sponsored by the SBA and SCORE is an affiliate of the SBA. On Monday we had a Ribbon Cutting for Roc Steady Boxing and Robin Barclay. On Wednesday we had our annual Client of the Year Celebration at Oak Hill. We were oversubscribed. We had committed to 110 attendees and we had to set for 135. This

event was totally free with a sit-down dinner. Our Client of the Year was Robin Barclay of Roc Steady Boxing. It was very successful.

Dale stated that Suzy is very good about sending out the notices of upcoming events. Jack noted that you needn't wait until the next Roundtable meeting, if you have something please send it to Suzy and she will send it out to the group.

We had a Flash Bomb event in April. On a Friday morning at 8:00 AM on Facebook we posted that we were going to have a social media training event on Saturday and we got over 30 people with only 24-hour notice. It works.

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

We will be putting in some handicap accessibility at Victor Municipal Park next week. We just had our major fundraiser in April, A Taste of the Finger Lakes. We were very successful. Thank you to everyone.

There will be an Acknowledgement of Law Enforcement and how they contribute to the community. We had a Corrections Officer come in and explain how the jail works. We will have a NYS Trooper speak at a luncheon meeting next week. We will have an evening meeting with an Awards Ceremony to acknowledge representatives from the Sheriff's department and the NYS Troopers.

This weekend we have several members in Pennsylvania at a convention.

#### **Jack Marren - Town Supervisor**

Jack noted that Babette's father passed away at a young age of 104 and was married for 71 years.

At our internal Department Head meetings over the past few months we have visited different sites and departments to get a better understanding of how other departments work. The first month we visited and toured the Highway, Recycling, and Parks & Recreation facilities. The next month we toured the all the departments at the Town Hall. The third month we went to the Courts facility for a presentation by the Judges & Court Clerks. Today is the final tour and we will be visiting the Farmington Sewer Treatment Plant.

Jack introduced the Town Clerk, Karen Bodine.

Yesterday we had a pre-construction meeting regarding the Sewer Capital Project and work schedules are being established. Dakksko will be installing the Pump Stations and Villager Construction will be installing the pipe work. They hope to start the project as early as Monday and finish up in June 2020. This is a nine million dollar capital project that

will enhance the sewer in our community but also provide future economic growth for commercial and housing development.

Three locations in our County have been established by the Board of Elections Commissioners for Early Voting. The locations will be: the Geneva Housing Authority on Lewis Street in Geneva; the Board of Elections on County Road 48 in Canandaigua; and the Victor Town Hall. Early Voting will begin on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be open for 8 hour increments on weekdays and for 5 hour increments on weekends. This is a new concept.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the Office of the Aging will honor 13 older County adults nominated by their communities for special things they do within our communities. There will be two from Victor honored. One will be Sue Stehling.

Jack stated that he has been working with several broadband companies to bring broadband through our Town. He has been very impressed with Greenlight and the only one who truly came in with a plan.

Jack and Karen Bodine attended the National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Kiwanis yesterday at 7:00 AM. Kathleen Wagner was the keynote speaker.

#### **Casey Paige - Highway Administrative Assistant**

Jack stated that in 2018 the County allocated funds for all the communities in the County to come up with plans to help reduce the amount of trash going into the landfill.

Casey noted that we have \$127,700 to spend to divert waste from the landfill. Some of the things we have done so far:

- We purchased a 35 yard self-contained compactor for the Transfer Station and are using it to compact cardboard. We can take in a larger quantity and haul less to the landfill.
- We hosted an E-Waste Event at the Farmington Highway Garage, open to all County residents. It was well attended with a waiting list for the next event to be held in the fall. We took in 77,631 pounds of electronics.
- We purchased a security container, located in the construction area, to store metals that fetch a better price. The guys sort metals such as copper and brass and they are placed in the security container so that they don't disappear until we sell them. We also collect bottles and cans for local booster clubs and non-profit organizations and will be storing these in the container as well. On windy days, they can blow all over the facility.
- We have purchased reusable shopping bags with the Town logo - these will be offered to our Transfer Station residents at an upcoming event.

- We will start accepting plastic shopping bags at the Transfer Station - we will take them to Wegmans who will accept them for nothing and recycle them.
- We have purchased new trash and recycle receptacles for all Town facilities.
- Coming up: We will be sorting brush, leaves, and grass from the woody stuff so that when the mulch is processed you will get a better quality product. We can then start a compost pile with the grass and leaves at the pit.
- Coming up: We will start an Organics Recycling Program.

The Organics Recycling Program will be our biggest initiative. 30% of municipal waste is made up from organics. To try to divert that from the landfill we will host a Compost Workshop on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM here in the main meeting room. Cornell Cooperative Extension will do a presentation on At Home Composting.

We are also working with a company called Organics Green who are building compost bins for us. We have signed up for 50. The bins will be delivered to residents that are interested in composting along with a bucket to put on your counter. It comes with an accelerator to put into the compost bin.

We will also offer another option, a bucket exchange. This will be with Impact Earth, who will also give a presentation at the Composting Workshop. Each resident will receive two buckets. We have allotted enough money for 100 residents to participate. When one bucket is full you bring it to the Transfer Station and drop it off and get a clean bucket. Impact Earth uses the organic material give to local farmers to give to livestock. What isn't used there, they take to a vermicomposting facility that will make topsoil.

Mary noted that she appreciates the Transfer Station. The guys do a great job and are very friendly. She is very thankful and would not have the gardens she has if it wasn't for the Transfer Station.

Casey said she thought Impact Earth was going to do a waste audit with Victor Schools and hopefully the school will come on board as a lot of food is thrown out.

Karen G noted that the Food Cupboard could also use plastic shopping bags.

Jack said that everyone could help themselves to a reusable shopping bag. See you next month!

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