

# Vienna

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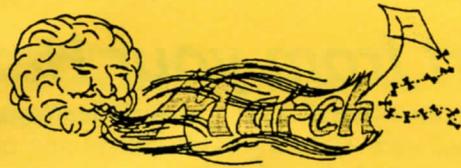
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# Report from your Health Officer.....

by Diane Vandal



On January 14th, I attended a health conference entitled, "Vision for Health Care Delivery in Western Maine," sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency and Franklin Memorial Hospital. The 170 participants represented most health care and social service agencies, the hospital, and nursing homes in the area; also included were teachers, providers and interested citizens. The purpose of the all day conference was to identify the health needs of the region and to suggest actions leading to an improved health care delivery system.

The participants divided into 16 small working groups to collect ideas. I was impressed by the deep commitment, the enthusiasm to work together, the variety of ideas, and how many agencies and groups already exist to fill the needs of the region.

The major themes that came out of the first session included the following:

- A commitment to help the public shift from a sickness or "medical model" of health care to a wellness or "holistic model", with an emphasis on preventive medicine.
- This educational effort needs to start in the early grades of school. It is a reality that each individual is responsible for his/her own health, and this concept must be incorporated into the school curriculum and made available to students through educational inservices and workshops.
- Communication between agencies, providers and citizens can be improved by providing more information about the resources that are available to the general public.
- The need for more primary care providers (which has been well documented of late).
- Overall, everyone saw a need for increased accessibility to all providers (doctors, physical and occupational therapists, social workers, etc.) either through increasing their numbers, providing more transportation resources, increasing the affordability of care, or providing a 24-hour walk-in clinic (to reduce unnecessary and expensive emergency room visits).

It was interesting that no one mentioned improving health care quality as a priority.

During the afternoon session, some varied plans of action were discussed. Some common themes were:

- 1) The need to create a data base of information on community health resources;
- 2) The completion of a needs assessment, which could be accomplished through surveying health and social service providers and care recipients;
- 3) Identification of leaders in the community who are, or could be, interested in the project; and
- 4) The formation of an organization to put all of these ideas into a prioritized plan.

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**NOTE TO RESIDENTS: If Jo-Ann Pillsbury is re-elected Town Clerk, she has a special request due to the expected birth of a third child around St. Patrick's Day. Through the month of May, she would prefer evening hours for Town business. Please call her before coming over. Thank you, for Jo-Ann.**

### **Deborah Byrnes**

Debbie is a candidate for the position of Second Selectperson. She was Third Selectwoman last year. She also has served three years as Tax Collector and four years on the Planning Board.

She has been active in many town organizations, including Millstream Grange, the Historical Society and the Vienna Extension.

"I've gained experience in many aspects of town government and being Selectperson last year pulled it all together for me. At this point in my life, I have the time to devote to the town, and I enjoy working together with the community."

Debbie, Pete and their two children live on the Kimball Pond Road.

### **Frank Berry**

Frank is running for position of Road Commissioner. Frank was born and raised in Vienna and spent 30 years working in Connecticut as an over-the-road driver. He is a lifetime member of the Teamster's Union.

After his return to Vienna in '82, Frank started B&S Enterprises. He served as Road Commissioner from '84 to '89, was a volunteer fireman for five years, and is a member of the Grange.

Frank and Kathy live on Route 41. Frank says, "My main interest is to save the roads we have by paving them."

### **Libby Harville**

Libby is running for the position of Tax Collector. She served as Selectwoman in '88 and '89 and was a deputy assessor for the town from '88 to '92. She has been editor of the Annual Town Report for two years and—along with Ed Hinckley—started *Vienna Voices* two years ago. She is also a member of the Mill Stream Grange.

Libby has a degree in Home Economics from Drexel University and completed an accelerated year in graphic arts at CMVTI in '88. She spent a year as a VISTA volunteer and then supported herself with cooking jobs until settling in Maine, first working at Kents Hill School and then—for nine years—serving as assistant director of the "Meals on Wheels" program in Augusta. She has also worked for two printing companies.

"I've been involved with the town in various capacities for the past six years. I'm very familiar with the assessing records and feel that will help me a lot in filling the Tax Collector's position," Libby says.

Libby has lived in Vienna for 16 years. She and Allan live on the Kimball Pond Road.

### **Deby Ryan**

Deby is seeking re-election as Treasurer and is also running for the position of Tax Collector. She feels that these two jobs can be done by one person. One person running for these two positions is legal.

Deby graduated from high school with an emphasis in Business. Most of her jobs have involved dealing with money and record-keeping. She runs her own sewing business in Vienna.

She belongs to the Extension, volunteered at the Elementary School and is a past leader and organizer of two Girl Scout troops in Vienna.

Deby lives on Route 41 with her husband, Michael, and two children. "The past year was educational and I look forward to the up-coming year running smoother, due to what I've learned this year."

### **Lenny Meader**

Lenny seeks re-election to the position of Road Commissioner. Born and raised in Vienna, he is Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, in which he has been active for 17 years.

Before starting Meader's Construction Company, he worked as mechanic and Parts Manager for Augusta's Mercedes-Pontiac dealer. He is the owner of "Lenny's Garage" in Mt. Vernon and was awarded the three-year plowing contract for the Town.

"I have been Road Commissioner for the past four years," said Lenny. "I have enjoyed the job, the people and working in my home town to improve the roads. I would like to continue the work we've started."

Lenny and Colleen live on Route 41 with their two sons, Adam and Joshua.

# 1993 TOWN BUDGET AND 1994 PROPOSALS COMPARED

ACCOUNT	1993	RECOMMENDED 1994	
		<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>'93 Forwarded</u>
Administration	\$4,000	\$4,000	
Ambulance	\$4,961	\$5,123	
Animal Control	\$900	\$1,000	
Brush Flail	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Council on Alcoholism	\$417	\$200	
Data Processing	\$500	\$2,000	
Deputy Assessor	-0-	\$2,000	
Discounts	-0-	\$5,000	
Ditch/Culverts	\$30,500	\$22,000	\$10,000
Family Violence Project	\$100	\$100	
Fire Dept.—Debt Service	\$17,542	\$17,560	
—Equipment Repair	\$5,006	\$5,000	
—Operating Expenses	\$10,708	\$9,700	
—Hepatitis Shots	\$2,300	-0-	
Franklin Cemetery	\$200	\$250	
General Assistance	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Gravel	\$25,000	\$21,500	Balance + DOT \$
Interest and Loans	-0-	\$1,000	
Job Bond/Land Development	\$1,000	-0-	Balance
Job Bond/Town Hall	\$1,00	-0-	Balance
Kennebec Land Trust	\$50	\$50	
Kennebec Mental Health	\$396	\$200	
Legal	\$11,000	-0-	\$3,000
Library	\$700	\$700	
Mt. Vernon Rescue	\$650	\$975	
Overdrafts	\$7,920	\$300	
Paving	-0-	-0-	+ DOT \$
Payroll Taxes	\$4,500	\$3,000	
Road Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,000	+ MEMA \$
Seavey Corner Cemetery	-0-	\$1,000	
Street Lights	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Waste Management	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Winter Roads	\$47,000	\$48,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$216,850.00</b>	<b>\$195,158.00</b>	

(The amounts of County taxes and School appropriations are not yet known)

## MORE HISTORIC TALES FROM THE VIENNA WOODS

In the Civil War, thirteen men enlisted in the call of 1861. In later enlistments and drafts, 70 men left Vienna, about one-tenth of the total population. To pay for bounties, substitutes and relief, the town spent over \$15,000 and received back a little over \$4,000. There were perhaps a dozen residents involved in the First World War and some thirty in the Second World War, with one fatality.

The Union Hall—built in 1888, largely through the efforts of the ladies, by local labor and contributions—has had a useful life as a meeting place for many organizations and meetings, including two Granges, until the present Grange building was bought. The Glenwood Valley Grange, organized in 1914, reached a membership of 120 around 1920, but disbanded in the '30s. The Mill Stream Grange was started in 1943 and still continues.

The Maine Methodist Conference was held at the North Vienna Church in 1828. The painted decorations in the Methodist Church were done by Harry Cochrane, of Monmouth, who also designed Cumston Hall there. At one time, a meeting was held in the Baptist Church to decide whether Bates College should be located in Vienna or Lewiston. For a brief period, the Mineral Spring Bottling Company—using water from a spring back of Ray Neal's—competed with Poland Spring.

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The keynote speaker at the conference, David Pearson, Chairman of the Department of Health Management and Policy at the University of New Hampshire, identified Franklin County as a potentially successful area, in terms of health care. He identified problems of providing care in a rural area and then suggested two changes that could lead us to our goal: (1) Transforming from an institutional model of service to a community model; that is, ensuring that health care services are directed by the needs of the community rather than by the needs of health care institutions and (2) Transforming from a competitive to a cooperative and collaborative philosophy among providers. The evidence from this day demonstrated strong support for both of these key elements.

I will be serving on one of the committees to create an improved health care system for the Farmington area. Even though Vienna is in Kennebec County, many of us utilize the health care services in Franklin County. I would like to bring your input to these meetings. Please give me a call with your ideas. (Evenings: 293-2010)

## What About A Vienna Garden Club?

by Libby Harville

Is anyone interested in forming a Vienna Garden Club? My thoughts are of a group that would share their excitement and knowledge about flower gardening, share plants, and think about areas where flower plantings would make Vienna more attractive—and then find ways to make this happen.

What about flower pots hanging from the "downtown" light poles, to complement the July 4th flags that always brighten the village? Individuals could "adopt" a particular pole and pot, and be responsible for maintaining it during the flower season.

If this appeals to you—or if you would like to "plant an idea"—let me know through a phone call or note. I'd love to have your suggestions, and we could set up a meeting in the spring. My address is P.O. Box 35; my phone number is 293-2362.

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The early years of this century were not prosperous. My father was told he would go bankrupt because he hired a man at \$30.00 a month plus room and board. Teachers were boarded for \$3.00 a week; their wages were \$8.00 or \$9.00. We wore knee length pants to school, with patches sometimes fore and aft! Hogs sold for four cents a pound live; six cents dressed. Butter sold for 20 or 22 cents a pound.

Beginning around 1910, comparative prosperity began with the corn canning factory in Farmington Falls paying two and a quarter cents per pound for cut corn; the price climbed to five cents during the war. String beans brought five cents a pound for some years. The County Agent pronounced Vienna as the best sweet corn town in Kennebec County—nearly every farm had a patch.

Around 1915, William Chadbourne began buying lumber lots in town, and jobs were available in the winter time. John Allen began operating a Skewer and Dowel Mill in the village; in 1919 he formed a partnership with Chadbourne, and for several years processed from 800 to 1000 cords of hardwood annually.

About 1923, the Corn Shop closed and during the next ten years farming rapidly folded up. The mill ran out of available nearby lumber and the town was ready for its share of the depression of the 1930's.

(From an unsigned, typewritten document entitled "A Short History of Vienna," found in the Vienna Post Office. Credit is given by the author to previous efforts by Kingsbury, Deyo, Bradley, Foss and Waugh—but, WHO IS THE AUTHOR?)



North Vienna  
United Methodist  
Church

Sunday  
9:00 A.M.

All are welcome!

# MERRY DUMPSTERS REPORT

by Diane Friese

Although recycling surveys are still trickling in, we have compiled these results to date:

- 50% of respondents feel that the Town should be working on ways to increase the percentage of recycling through fees and mandatory procedures. 39% replied "No" to these suggestions and 11% indicated "Maybe."

- 80% agreed that more education on recycling and composting is needed, compared to 20% who said "No."

- 66% agreed that every other week for trash and recycling is working, compared with 33% who indicated that it wasn't working.

The most frequent suggestion from all the surveys was to increase the number of trash pick-up days in the summer months. Stay tuned for more developments!

The Merry Dumpsters will continue to work during '94 to further increase recycling efforts through voluntary compliance.

**REMEMBER—IT COSTS THE TOWN TWICE AS MANY OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO DISPOSE OF TRASH AS IT DOES TO DISPOSE OF RECYCLABLES!**

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