

Election Issue

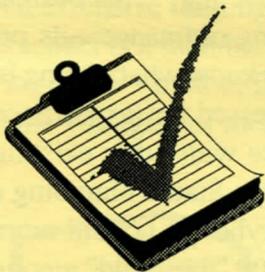
This is a presidential election year, and election fever is sweeping the land! Caucuses, primaries, straw polls, debates, confrontations, attack ads, opinion polls, advance teams, pundits, PACs and special interests are falling all over themselves and clogging the land-, sea- and air-waves.

Here in the picturesque Village of Vienna, at the head of scenic Flying Pond, however, only two elective seats — those of First Selectman and Road Commissioner — are contested, and only a write-in candidate is declaring an interest in the Third Selectman's position. Nonetheless, it is important to meet the candidates — **AND HERE THEY ARE!**

DEBORAH BURNS is running this year for First Selectperson. Debbie has been on the Board of Selectmen for the past three years in the Second and Third positions. She has also served as Tax Collector for three years and was a member of the Planning Board for four years. She is active in the Mill Stream Grange, the Historical Society and the Vienna Extension.

Deb is co-owner of The Dam Shop, located in the old Post Office building. When asked why she wants to hold public office, she replied, "I'd like to continue to play an active part in the progress the town has made in the past few years."

Deb, Pete and son, David, live on the Kimball Pond Road. Her daughter, Jenn, was married last summer and now lives in Hallowell.



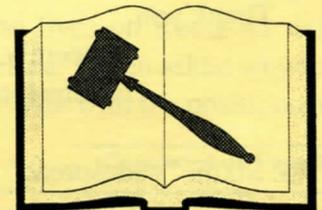
ROBERT SEARLES II is running for First Selectman also. Robert was born in Farmington and moved to Vienna in 1990. He has worked for International Paper in Jay on fact-finding teams. For the past three years, he has been a self-employed Pickup-and-Delivery contractor with Roadway Package Systems.

When asked why he wants to hold a public office, he answered, "To turn this town around and make it more logical to live in." Robert lives on Route 41, just past the Davis Road, with his wife and three children.

LAURA REVILLE is running for Second Selectperson. Currently in the Third Selectman's position, when asked why she wanted a public office in Vienna she replied, "I enjoyed my first year on the Board and want to learn more about how the town runs."

A native of Florida, she and Waterville-born husband, Roger, moved to Maine in 1992 and to Vienna in '93. After working in the banking industry for eight years, she returned to school and graduated in May '95 with a B.S. degree in Special Education. She is currently employed as a Resource Room teacher at Leeds Central School.

Laura is active in Grange, the Historical Society, the North Vienna Methodist Church and is co-chair of Vienna Extension. She and Roger live on Route 41 in the former Arthur Bean house.



Letter to the Editor

(The following letter was received from Creston Gaither, who submitted the front-page story about the Planning Board, in the last issue.)

TO Vienna Voices:

I am rather piqued at the rewrite you did on the piece I submitted about the planning board (VV V.4 #4). It says "by Creston Gaither" but is so dissimilar to what I wrote that the byline itself should be corrected.

First, the title is not mine (and I like mine better).

Next, you omitted my first paragraph, which contains the important statement that the words are mine and not the Board's. Without such a disclaimer I should have Board approval to write such a piece, and I could not have met your deadline if I'd sought it.

Third, regarding Alan Williams' resignation, you changed "may resign" to "must resign," and "may stay on" to "will try to stay on." I can't guess why this was done, but your changes alter meaning--not merely diction--and make accurate statements into inaccurate (if not false) ones.

Fourth, my phrase "shoreline zoning" correctly denotes one ordinance; your alteration ("Shoreline, Zoning, etc.") implies two separate ordinances--more than we have.

Last, you've changed my wording and punctuation throughout. I have an English B.A., write very carefully, choose words and punctuation carefully, and intended to submit precisely what I submitted--it is not a rough draft.

Any writer should welcome good editing and suggestions for improvement. But these should be part of a consultation with the writer, who should agree on any changes prior to publication. I would be happy to continue providing planning board news for Vienna Voices but must insist that I be consulted should you wish to alter my writing in the future.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

/s/ Creston Gaither

P.S. Sixth: "widespread" should not be hyphenated!

(Apologies have been extended to Mr. Gaither for all advertent and inadvertent changes and errors, and it is hoped that he will continue to provide Planning Board reports under the terms and conditions that he sets forth.)

Second Vienna—Mt. Vernon Home and Garden Tour

Saturday, June 29, 1996

Sponsored by Mt. Vernon-Vienna Extension

HOMES TO BE VIEWED

Bill and Cathy Brown - Mt. Vernon
Robert and Elaine Dillhoff - Mt. Vernon
Mark and Carol Hedden - Vienna
John and Marianne Archard - Vienna
Ellen Miller - Vienna
Ron and Charlene Lockwood - Mt. Vernon
Dick Watson and Kathy Booth - Mt. Vernon

GARDENS TO BE VIEWED

Charlene and Ron Lockwood - Mt. Vernon
Warren Doe - Vienna
Alice and Fred Bloom - Mt. Vernon
Kathy Booth and Dick Watson - Mt. Vernon

Voice of the Planning Board

by Creston Gaither, P.B. Secretary

The following are my own thoughts and may not align with those of the rest of the Board:

For March we've proposed a revised version of the Town's existing *Notification of Construction Ordinance* for consideration at Town Meeting. This ordinance is **not** a building code or zoning ordinance—its primary purpose is to let the assessors know what's being built or fixed up so that it can be assessed for tax purposes. (It also helps ensure compliance with other existing statutes and ordinances such as the State's plumbing code.) This - in theory - makes everybody's tax bill more fair.

New features are: 1) a \$100 "threshold" amount, below which no permit is necessary (Strictly construed, which it never has been, the current ordinance would require a permit for a birdhouse.); 2) the Code Enforcement Officer can now issue these permits (so he/she can be a "one stop shop" for the new homebuilder). Other changes are what lawyers call "boilerplate language"—they bring our ordinance into conformance with changes in State law.

For the most part these changes make the process

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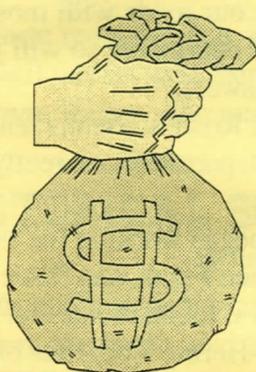
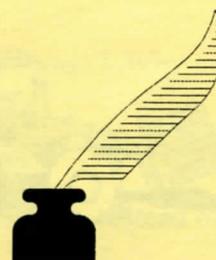
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No one took out papers for the position of Third Selectman. However, **BETTY CLARK** has publicly expressed interest in being a write-in candidate. Betty is native to Vienna and has never lived more than 15 miles away from it. She says she's related to probably 1/3 of the town since she and her family have always been here.

Betty used to work at Foster's Manufacturing, but gave it up three years ago to help care for her in-laws. Betty was elected Tax Collector for three terms, and is currently an alternate to the Planning Board.

When asked why she wanted a Vienna public office, she answered, "Because I think everyone in town should hold office at least once, and I've always wanted to try Selectman. I was born and raised here in Vienna and want to do something to help the town."

To vote for Betty, write either "Betty Clark" or "Elizabeth Clark" in the Third Selectman's space on the ballot.



DEBY RYAN is seeking re-election for her fourth term as Treasurer. When asked why she wants to hold a public office, she responded, "Because I've learned the job I presently hold and feel consistency is best for the town."

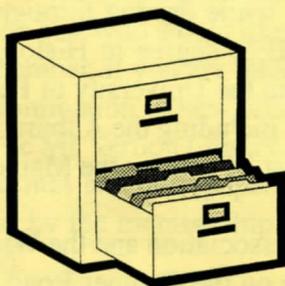
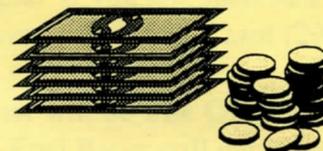
This year Deby has spent much of her efforts and many hours helping to resolve left-over tax collection problems.

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 here in Vienna, from her home on Route 41, where she lives with husband, Michael, and two children.

RACHAEL MEADER is seeking a second term as Tax Collector. She says the job is more work than she anticipated, but she does enjoy it. When asked why she wants to hold a public office, Rachael responded, "The main reason is to have contact with the people and to keep in touch with what's going on."

Rachel was born in Franklin, Maine, and moved to Vienna at the age of five. After marriage, she and her husband, Charles, raised poultry in Augusta and Mt. Vernon for Lipman's Poultry Company. In 1976 they bought their own farm in Chesterville, and cared for 85,000 birds. While living in Chesterville, Rachael received extensive training with the Volunteer Fire Department.

Rachael is a member of the United Methodist Church. She was a Selectperson of Vienna for a total of five years. Rachael and Charles live on the Cummer Road with the youngest of their three daughters.



JO-ANN PILLSBURY seeks re-election to her fifth term as Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector. Jo-Ann has served as chair and treasurer of the Vienna Extension and helped organize the Franklin County Family—Community Leadership Board. She has experience in retail sales and in the shoe industry.

Born in Rumford, she moved to Vienna in 1981 and lives on Route 41 with husband, Phil, and three children: Amanda, Kyle and Chelsea. When asked why she wants to hold a public office, Jo-Ann said, "I feel comfortable with the position and I like doing the work."

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LENNY MEADER seeks re-election to a seventh term as Road Commissioner. Born and raised in Vienna, he is the owner of Meader Construction Company and Lenny's Garage, both located at his home. He has been an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years, and is a past officer.



Lenny was awarded a three-year snow plowing contract for Vienna that is up for renewal next year. If re-elected, he says that this coming year he plans to finish the major ditching in town and concentrate on gravel, with hopes of starting to lay pavement the following year. This is all part of an overall Road Plan for the town that was developed about five years ago.

When asked why he wanted to hold a public office, Lenny replied, "I think I can be quite a bit of help to the town and hopefully can save the town money. I enjoy working with the public." Lenny and Colleen live on Route 41 with their two boys.

BRUCE SHORT is running for Road Commissioner. When asked why he wants to hold a public office, he responded, "I want to see the roads in town maintained. We've spent a lot of money on our roads with most of it going to one contractor. I feel the money should be spread around. I don't own a lot of equipment so will go out to bid on most jobs. I'm always willing to listen to suggestions; I don't have all the answers."

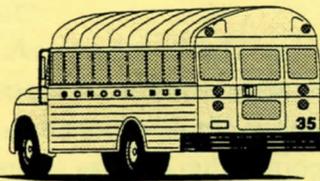
Bruce was born in Hallowell, living all his life in Maine. He moved to Egypt Pond Road in Vienna ten years ago with his wife and two children. He is a nine-year member of the Volunteer Fire Department; currently he is Captain.

Bruce has worked around equipment and machinery since his teen years, when he began working for the City of Hallowell Highway Department as a truck driver. He worked with Frank Berry, when Frank was Road Commissioner, and with Herbie Horn driving trucks, constructing septic systems, driveways, foundations, etc.

Bruce considers himself a jack-of-all-trades; he currently works as a mechanic for Herbie Horn, has his own auto repair business and does odd jobs. He was named the 1990 Fire Fighter of the Year of the V.F.D. Bruce says he has worked on roads and feels he has the knowledge to maintain them. Says Short, "Being Road Commissioner doesn't mean you have to do the work; you have to oversee that the work gets done. We spend my tax dollars well as others and I'd like to see them better spent."

ANN COLLINS seeks re-election as School Board Representative. She took over the position mid-term in 1992 and is completing her elected three-year term. Ann served on the Cape Cod Hill Building Committee.

When asked why she wanted to hold public office, she replied, "The past three years have been very challenging with financial concerns affecting and sometimes overwhelming almost every decision the school board made. During the budget process last year, Vienna residents (like people throughout SAD # 9) had many different reasons for supporting or not supporting the various school budgets. If I am to represent Vienna residents fairly, I need to hear from you. Please call me at 293-3175."



Born in Indianapolis, Ann fell in love with Maine while driving through. She moved here in '74 and to Vienna in '77. Ann has a B.S. degree in History from Indiana University and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in libraries throughout her life, including the Auburn Public Library, the SAD # 36 School Library, and—for the past 14 years—the Maine State Library.

She is a member of the Maine Educational Media Association and the Winthrop Center Friends Church. Ann and her two children live on the Cumner Road.

UPCOMING EXTENSION EVENTS - EVERYONE WELCOME

April 8th - Hospice May 13th - Ribbon Embroidery

7:00 p.m. Mill Stream Grange Vienna

WASTE REDUCTION

by Diane Friese

Have you ever been bothered by all the packaging and used products that end up in your trash? Why not consider some waste reduction opportunities?

- Choose products in refillable containers and return them for reuse. Example: Buy liquid hand soap and purchase refillable solution.
- Purchase rechargeable batteries and recharge them hundreds of times before discarding, instead of throwing away alkaline batteries after one use.
- Choose longer-life repairable products and maintain them to prolong their usefulness. Example: Buy shoes that can be resoled.
- Extend the life of used items by redistributing them through friends, second-hand stores and garage sales.

Waste reduction has virtually no negative effect on the environment, conserves energy and does not require new facilities for processing or disposing of waste. If you have additional waste reduction ideas, send your thoughts to *Vienna Voices*. You may have an idea that could help others reduce their household waste.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

by Jim Gajarski

Our booth at the Farmington Fair netted \$105.94. In addition, the booth sold \$251.00 worth of chances for the Mill Stream Grange quilt, which was won by Betty Huetner, a Granger from Pennsylvania and summer resident of Vienna. The booth was staffed by Society members and Grangers.

The Society is looking at the feasibility of buying the "For Sale" property around the Town Spring to aid in keeping any possible future development from encroaching on this pristine and reliable water source. At this time, the real estate agent reports his client is not willing to reduce what all consider a very high price on this recently logged parcel.

Polly Hughes has formed a committee for the purpose of cataloging and archiving Society records, to enable an expeditious access to same. She has five volunteers now, including the State of Maine, and will accept anyone else who would like to assist. Contact any Society member, if you are interested.

Nomination of new officers is coming up.

The Mt. Vernon Library donated several boxes of old magazines and newspapers to us, which were recently culled by the membership. Much information was retained.

Several projects are being worked on at this time with no firm completion dates set, including a Post Office display, Bachelder poems material, Society calendar, acceptance of land offered as a donation, and offer of a building for storage of material for the theatre group.

VIENNA UNION HALL NEWS

by Marti Gross

Greetings from the Union Hall. In our ongoing effort to complete renovations to the Hall, we have several fund-raisers planned for this year.

The **Second Annual Variety Show** (formerly produced by the Historical Society) will be held on **Saturday, May 4th, at 7:30 P.M.** at the Hall. This is always a great show - fun for all ages. If you are interested in performing, please call Laura (293-3156), Carol (293-2075) or Dodi (293-2670).

The big event this summer will be **The Great Auction, on a Sunday in July**. Fred Bauer will once again donate his services as auctioneer. We have a head-start with a collection last fall; the **First Drop-Off** date this year will be **Saturday, May 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, at the Hall.

We would appreciate any and all donations of good used items: furniture, antiques, collectibles, appliances in working condition, whatever! Please keep us in mind when you do your spring cleaning. If you need more information about drop-offs or pick-ups, please call Dodi (293-2670), Marti (293-2552) or Roger (293-3156). Our goal is **200 items**.

Remember the motto:

"One person's trash is another one's treasure!"

On April 3-6, *Theatre UMF* presents its Spring Festival of One Act Plays, in Alumni Theatre, Farmington. Curtain times are 7:30 each night. Adults: \$5.00, UMF Students: ID, Other students: \$4.00, Senior citizens & children under 13: \$2.50. For reservations, call 778-7465.



Some Notes on the Final Growing Up

by Diane Vandal, R.N.
Public Health Officer



Those of us in our forties and fifties are really beginning to understand the label of the "Sandwich Generation". Our children are anywhere from babes to college age (or older) and our parents are in their seventies, eighties or even nineties. While the children's needs are immediate, the parents' needs may vacillate between long periods of harmony punctuated by crises, or they may change in tiny, incremental steps; they start calling more often, their mental facility starts deteriorating, and you settle into a long, chronic period of shaking your head and wondering what to do next.

In my experience as a home health nurse, the over-riding characteristic of this generation just ahead of us is overwhelming stubbornness. A lack of understanding of the need to be in a safe environment, a strong independent streak which refuses to see the whole picture, and an almost complete unwillingness to listen to reason regarding diet, smoking, and exercise.

"Ha!" I say, "Is this really so unusual?" While people of my generation do the politically correct thing—sign our advance directives (i.e., living wills), dutifully contribute to our 401(k)s, exercise, eat well and explore every alternative healing method within a 100 mile radius, what will we be like later on? I can imagine us pushing 89 or 92, fed up with the last 20-30 years entrenched in the restrictions of managed care, and saying, "No way! I want everything done to preserve my life—I'm not going down without a fight!" No one can imagine themselves that old, but by golly, Vienna is a pretty healthy place and chances are very good many of us will get there.

Some of the other characteristics I have seen are estranged neighbors, family members who live out of state, and a lack of commitment to community. Some people depend very heavily on agencies that use state and federal money to take care of them. Of course, there are plenty of close families and neighbors around, but those are the lucky ones. Those people developed these relationships from a young age quite without thinking about it.

In our small community, I am struck by the close caring of friends and neighbors as many of our family are out of state and the children will no doubt be also. What will it be like for us? We know we will be unable to rely upon government assistance and we hope the stock market and banks remain stable. While making these observations I have come up with 8 areas I believe we can cultivate now to help us face a better future, no matter what it holds for us.

- Know your body and listen to what it tells you. Over the next 20 years you will probably read approximately 10,000 articles on how to keep healthy or cure what is wrong with you. In the end, maybe a few will be meaningful. Just listen and learn what it needs now and you will better be able to hear the changes and adjust your patterns accordingly.

- Get to know the people next door. You'll be glad you did.

- Resolve the 20-year-old-plus conflicts and tensions of family and friends. Think about it. I see some families resolve these things at the bedside, but it's a lot harder then!

- Get lots of music in your life. Listen to it, sing, and play an instrument. Our generation will no doubt keep music a core part of our lives, but I see this as a real hole in the lives of the elderly I encounter. When the hands are crippled and the eyesight is poor, and depression sets in hard, I think—if I were them—I'd listen to some favorite piece of music. In more upscale areas, music therapists are emerging who are finding drumming and singing very therapeutic for the elderly.

- Learn how to use the computer. This may sound strange, but I mean it! It's the master communicator—and you can stay with it for a long, long time. (It does not take much energy to click a mouse!)

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•Take a good look at your house. How "elder user friendly" is it? What adjustments would you have to make for walkers, canes, wheelchairs, hospital beds?

- Go to parties! Have parties!
- Laugh a lot.

These are simple, but I believe they are effective. "That's all, Folks!" Have a good rest of the winter!

M.S.A.D. 9 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS REPORT

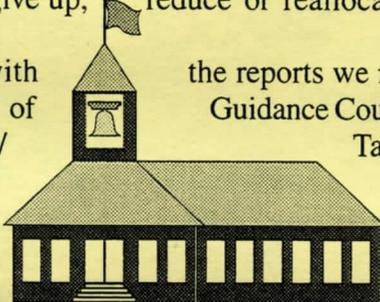
by Ann Collins

Spring is coming, and for MSAD # 9 School Board Directors, that means budget. Although we are just beginning the budget process, we are hoping to have a budget ready in time for the June primary.

We have received reports from each school in the district, from Special Education, from Buildings and Grounds and from Transportation, in answer to the following questions:

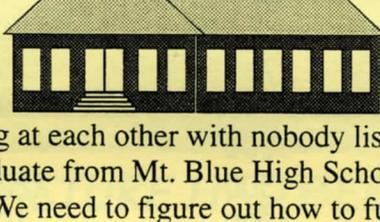
- What are the priority areas that need to be considered in developing the budget for your school for the 1996—1997 school year, assuming the budget doesn't increase?
- What would you be willing to give up, reduce or reallocate within your current school budget to achieve these priorities?

This information—combined with studies the district's needs in the areas of technology, differentiated curriculum (Gifted/



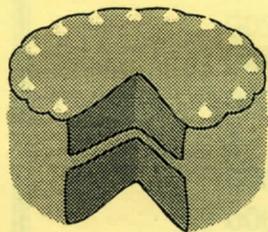
the reports we received last year from committees which Guidance Counseling, Health Services, Computers/Tech-Talented) and Libraries—will form the basis

I firmly believe that we can meet our children if we work together. But, in talk. We do not need another year of ev-



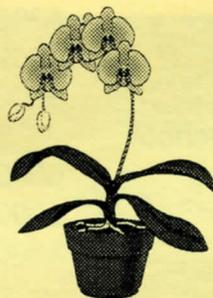
the needs of taxpayers and the needs of order to do so, we need to sit down and everybody (and that means Selectpeople, erybody) yelling at each other with nobody listening. We need to sit down and agree on what our children need if they are to graduate from Mt. Blue High School prepared to get and succeed at a job, or to go on to technical school or college. We need to figure out how to fund those needs.

I urge you to come to as many Board meetings as you can, and to call me whenever you have a concern. My phone number is 293-3175. I know I'm sometimes hard to reach, and I freely admit I have some pretty strong opinions about certain issues, but I do listen and I do care about what you are thinking.



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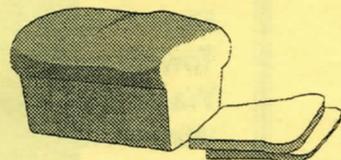
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MILL STREAM GRANGE

PLANT/SEEDLING

**Saturday, May 18th
9:00 - Noon**



Tune Into MVVR — Tomorrow

MVVR stands for **MT. VERNON VIENNA RADIO**, a new station that hopes to begin broadcasting during the Spring or Summer of 1997. Among the project's needs is something for everyone who wishes to contribute to this noteworthy activity: fund- raising, equipment, legal and technical advice, audience surveys, engineering, internet surfers, grant-writing, a station site, a transmitter site, radio dramatists, disc jockeys, announcers, sound effects, furniture, performing talents, etc. Please call Barbara Skapa (293-2866) or John Maheu (293-9329) if you'd like to help. At 100 watts of power, MVVR will be able to reach within a radius of Manchester, Belgrade and Farmington.

1994 - 1996 BUDGET SUMMARY

APPROPRIATED FROM TAXES — DOESN'T INCLUDE CARRYOVERS OR SURPLUS

ACCOUNT	1994 ACTUAL	1995 ACTUAL	1996 RECOMMEND
Admimlstration	4000	4000	0
Ambulance	5123	4779	2751
Animal Control	1000	1000	1400
Assessing	2000	0	2000
Bicentennial Fund	0	100	100
Brush	6000	3000	3000
Constable	0	0	2000
Council on Alcoholism	200	200	200
Data Processing	2000	1500	1500
Discounts	5000	5000	5500
Ditches-Culverts	22000	29357	22600
Family Violence Project	100	100	100
Fire Dept Debt Service	17560	17560	17560
Fire Dept Dry Hydrant	0	561	1000
Fire Dept Equipment	5000	4000	4000
Fire Dept Addition Fund	5000	5000	0 *
Fire Dept Operating Expenses	9700	9500	9500
Franklin Cemetary	250	250	250
General Assistance	1000	0	0
Gravel	21500	22208	25900
Interest & Loans	1000	1000	1000
Kennebec Land Trust	100	100	100
Kennebec Valley Mental Health	400	200	200
Legal	0	0	3000
Library	700	1000	1000
Mt. Vernon Rescue	1200	1200	1200
Overdrafts	392	0	1600
Payroll Taxes	3000	3000	3000
Recreation-Cape Cod School	0	1500	0
Road Maintenance	6000	9000	8000
Seavey Corner Cemetery	1000	1000	1000
Street Lights	1500	1500	1500
Townhouse	0	0	1000
Waste Management	25000	25000	25000
Winter Roads	48000	46000	50000
TOTAL	195725	198615	196961 *

*Requested amount of \$45,000. if approved, would increase budget to \$241,961

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easier for the applicant, so we hope everyone will support them. The fee (\$3.00) remains unchanged from what it's been since 1978, so in real dollars it's cheaper than ever.

We've received **no** response to last month's appeal for new members. Call me at 293-2909 (fax is 293-9393) or chairman Wayne Whittier at 293-2072 if you want to be involved. Or come to a meeting (fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:00 at the Town House) if you want to check it out first.

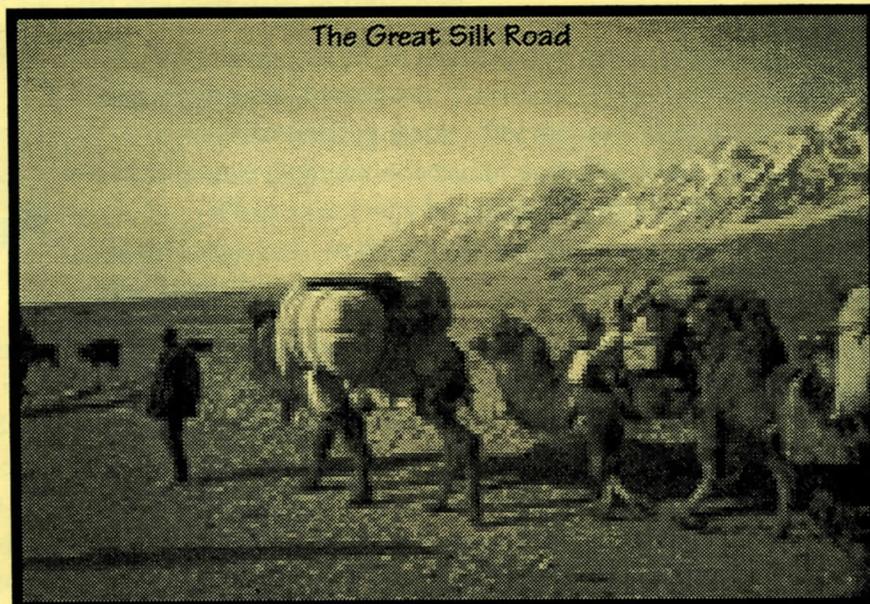


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Write *Vienna Voices* how you feel about the proposed reintroduction of grey wolves to Maine.

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Voting: 8:15 - 12:15

TOWN HOUSE

Meeting: 2:00 P.M.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH