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TOWN  
MEETING  
MARCH 14

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REWARD**

**SOME ONE WILLING TO STICK THEIR NECK OUT  
— NOT VERY FAR —**

***Vienna Voices needs help.***

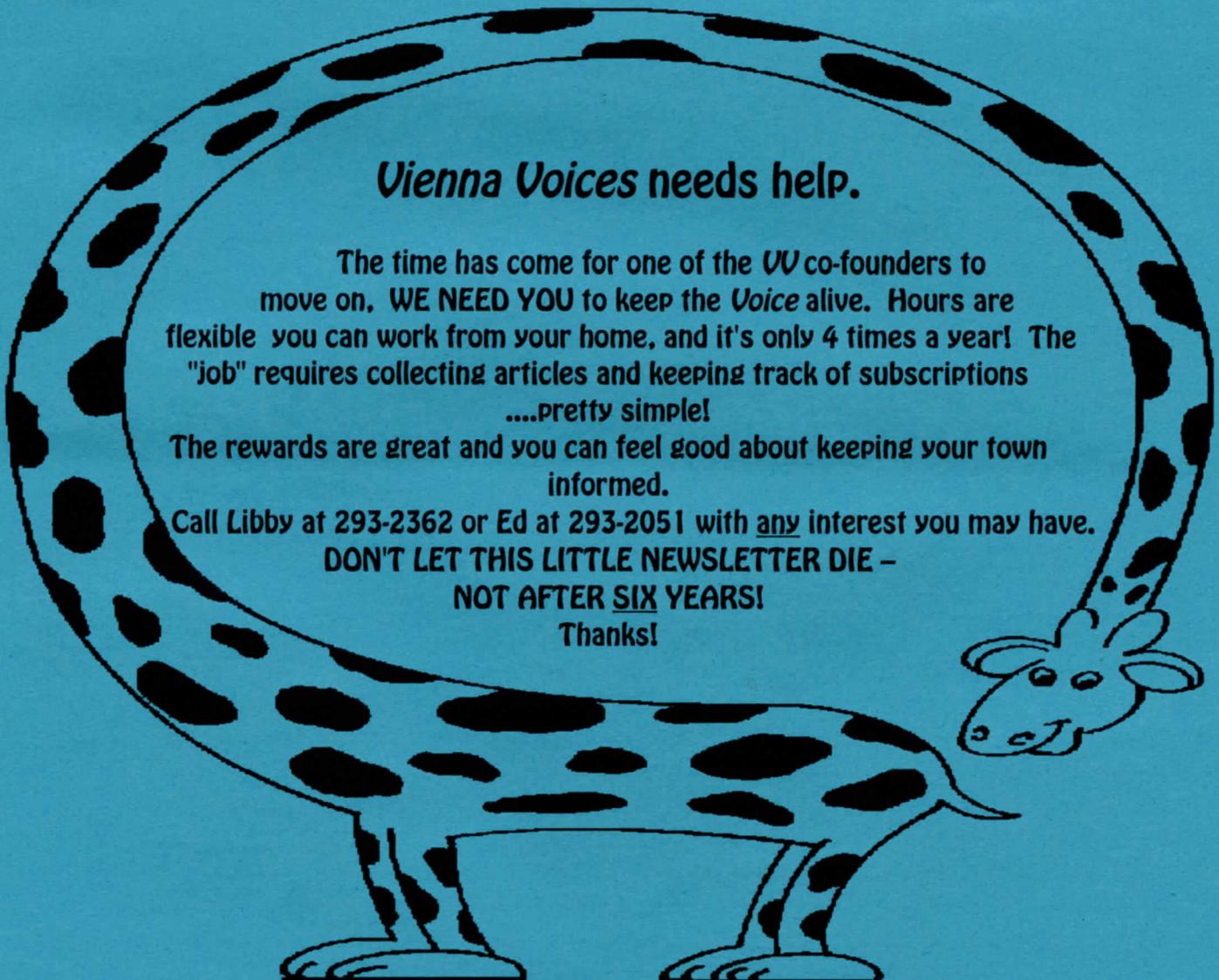
The time has come for one of the *VV* co-founders to move on, **WE NEED YOU** to keep the *Voice* alive. Hours are flexible you can work from your home, and it's only 4 times a year! The "job" requires collecting articles and keeping track of subscriptions  
....pretty simple!

The rewards are great and you can feel good about keeping your town informed.

Call Libby at 293-2362 or Ed at 293-2051 with any interest you may have.

**DON'T LET THIS LITTLE NEWSLETTER DIE —  
NOT AFTER SIX YEARS!**

Thanks!



## What did you say your address was?

by Laura Reville

The Emergency-911 Committee has been working since 1995 towards complying with state requirements for town addresses, to improve responses to emergencies. The committee consists of Laura Reville, Chairperson; Peter Byrnes, from the Rescue Team; Gordon Webber, from the Fire Department; and Dan McGillvray, journalist for the *Kennebec Journal*.

At the 1995 summer Town Meeting, the "E-911 Addressing Ordinance" was passed, giving the committee "authorization to assign road names and numbers to all properties, both on existing and proposed roads."

Only three roads required renaming: Route 41, the Tower Road, and the Stream/Mace Road. Suggestions were received from townspeople and in July, 1997, two final decisions were made. The Tower Road was renamed the **Sevey Corner Road** and the Stream/Mace Road was renamed the **Stream Road**. (A choice between **Village Road** or **Town House Road** as the new name of Route 41 will be made at Town Meeting on March 14th.) A "Geographic Information System" map was then completed and sent to the State GIS office.

In December '97 and January '98, Maine Mapping, Inc., of Damariscotta, came to Vienna on several occasions and mapped Global Positioning System points for dwellings. This was at no cost to the Town, being supported with State funds. After this year's "Mud Season" is over, E-911 Committee members will verify that every dwelling has been accounted for on the GPS maps, and the conversion to street addresses will begin. No more "Rural Routes"!

Meetings of the E-911 Committee are held on an "as needed" basis, with notices posted seven days in advance at the Town House, Post Office, Flying Pond Variety and the Dam Shop. Meetings are open to the public; any Town involvement will be welcomed.

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During the past couple of years, a few people in the Mt. Vernon and Vienna area have been trying to start a community based, non-profit radio station. The group is now called The Flying Pond Broadcast Corporation, and it is getting close to realizing what some people might call a dream.

This dream is of a radio station run by local people who are interested in the project; a station where the programming is decided by the people who volunteer to work at the station; and a station that is interested in meeting the two communities' needs.

This dream is getting closer to becoming a reality. The Flying Pond Broadcasting Corporation will be holding several musical events to benefit the station. We hope you and your family will come and enjoy the festivities.

The Corporation is always looking for people who are interested in a community based, non-profit radio station. If you are one of these people, please get in touch; call Ron Lockwood at 293-3150.

## Contra Dance

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**At the Vienna Post Office  
1st Tuesdays of Feb-  
Apr-Jun-Aug-Oct-Dec  
9:00 – 11:00 A.M.**

## The Merry Dumpsters Report

During the past year Vienna's trash increased from 114.65 tons to 127.41 tons. We also have increased the recyclables from 20.91 tons to 28.25 tons. This is an increase from 18% to 22%! This is wonderful news and we hope the trend continues this year. We pay \$25.00 a ton for the disposing of our recycled items as opposed to \$60.00 a ton for the disposing of our trash. When you recycle, you are helping the environment as well as keeping your taxes lower.

Many people in Vienna are also composting. This is another important way of reducing the amount of tonnage that we have to pay to be disposed. Composting is easy to do, it is wonderful for the environment, and you end up with a bonus: mulch for your garden!

A new calendar showing when recyclables and trash are picked up, will be sent to you soon. This will be in a mailing with the minutes from the Selectmen's meetings.

Steve Richardson is no longer the chairperson for the Merry Dumpsters. Muffy Floyd will serve as the chairperson for this year. Hillary Hutton will be the Newsletter Coordinator, and Diane Friese the Secretary.

The market for recyclable goods continues to fluctuate and this determines what is picked up for recyclables. Colored glass is not being recycled now, but we have been successful at bring it to Shop N Save and have them throw it in with the wine and beer bottles.

Please remember to: • Flatten all your corrugated cardboard. • Wash out your glass containers. • Wash and flatten your tin cans. • Separate your recyclables in separate bags. By taking these four steps it is much easier for the people from Capital City Trash to handle the recyclables. If you have trouble getting your trash out early enough for Capital City, you might leave it out the night before, with covers tied down so that animals won't get into the containers.. Thank you for all your efforts — they are clearly paying off!

## 1996-1998 BUDGET SUMMARIES

### Appropriated from Taxes

## TOWN MEETING IS MARCH 14TH

Fifty-nine (59) Articles will face Vienna voters at this year's Town Meeting, scheduled to get underway at the Cape Cod Hill School at 2:00 p.m. on March 14th.

Election of Town officers will be held at the Town House from 8:15 to 12:15.

As can be seen in the adjoining comparison of recent expenditures with 1998 recommendations, proposed expenditures in 19 categories remain the same; proposed expenditures in 7 categories are less; and proposed expenditures in 16 categories represent increases. The total of all recommended expenditures is \$57,741 larger than the '97 total.

The largest increase is the recommendation for the Fire Department Addition/Building account, from \$5,000 each of the past two years to \$40,000 recommended for '98.

Animal Control and Assessing account recommendations increase to \$1,600 and \$2,000 respectively from -0- expenditures last year. The Fire Department Operating Expenses account increases from \$9,146 last year to \$11,500 recommended, and the Legal account recommendation is \$7,500 contrasted to \$2,000 last year.

Among decreased recommendations are those in the Ambulance account, at -0- compared with \$3,351 last year; Gravel, at \$20,000 compared with \$28,000 last year, and

ACCOUNT	1996 ACTUAL	1997 ACTUAL	1998 RECOMMENDED
Administration	0	0	0
Ambulance	2751.66	3351	0
Animal Control	2600	0	1600
Assessing	3000	0	2000
Bicentennial Fund	100	100	100
Brush	3000	0	0
Constable	2000	2000	2000
Council on Alcoholism	200	200	200
Data Processing	1500	0	0
Discounts	5500	0	5500
Ditches/Culverts	22600	15000	20000
Family Violence Project	100	100	100
Fire Dept. Debt Service	17560	17560	17560
Fire Dept. Dry Hydrant	1000	1000	0
Fire Dept. Equipment	4000	4000	4000
Fire Dept. Addition Fund/Bldg.	5000	5000	40000
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	9500	9146	11500
Franklin Cemetery	250	650	400
General Assistance	0	0	0
Gravel	25900	28000	20000
Interest & Loans	1000	1000	1000
Kennebec Land Trust	100	100	100
KVCOG	0	0	0
Kenn. Valley Mental Health	200	200	200
Legal	3000	2000	7500
Library	1000	1000	1200
Little League	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon Rescue	1200	1200	1200
Overdrafts	1508.97	0	3278
Paving	0	10000	22000
Payroll Taxes	3000	3000	3000
Rec.-Cape Cod Hill School	0	0	0
Road Maintenance	8000	9500	1000
Red Cross	0	0	135
Ice Storm '98	0	0	2000
Super Park	0	0	192
Salt & Sand Shed	0	5000	5000
Seavey Corner Cemetery	1000	220	200
Street Lights	1500	1149	1300
Town House	1000	0	0
Waste Management	25000	26500	27500
Winter Roads	50000	47000	50000
TOTAL	204,070.63	194,024	251,765

Road Maintenance, at \$1,000 compared with \$9,500 last year.

A complex, non-financial question is represented by Article 31: "To see if the Town will adopt a Mass Gathering Ordinance for the Town of Vienna." Other non-financial questions include

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the acceptance of an anonymous gift of a boat for the use of the Town's Harbormaster (Article 19); the proposed renaming of Route 41 and the Tower Road (Articles 28, 29 and 30); and proposed revisions in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (Article 57).

## SEVERAL CONTESTS IN MARCH 14TH ELECTIONS

As a prelude to the elections, *Vienna Voices* asked both competing and non-competing candidates for Town offices why they wanted the positions for which they were running. Herewith are the answers we received:

### First Selectman

**Albert Raedle** (Incumbent): Unavailable

### Second Selectman

**Charles Meader** (Incumbent): "I'm just doing my part for the town; doing what I can do, trying to help out."

**Michael Ryan** (Challenger): "Our taxes have sky-rocketed in the past ten years...over 100%. The five-year road plan is blossoming into a ten-year plan. The taxes will double again in ten years. I want to reduce taxes and reduce spending; curtail spending all around."

### Third Selectman

**Dodi Thompson** (Incumbent): "I really enjoy the positive aspects of the job. In many ways it has been a difficult year, but I am running again with my eyes wide open and am confident I can handle whatever comes up. It fits into my life and I think it takes this long to learn the job. As an added bonus, my computer skills have improved."

### Treasurer

**Deby Ryan** (Incumbent): "I know the job and I am willing to do it again."

**Annie Tibbets** (Challenger): "I like working with numbers and want to help my family out financially. I think I can be an asset to the town. I've always wanted to work into something using my business training."

### Tax Collector

**Rachel Meader** (Incumbent): "Just to keep in contact with the people I've been in touch over the years through being Selectman and Tax Collector; I kind of enjoy it."

### Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector

**Jo-Ann Pillsbury** (Incumbent): "It's the job I've done since '91. I consider it my job, and I now have the experience and training to offer the services the townspeople expect to be provided."

### Road Commissioner

**Lenny Meader** (Incumbent): "I'm running for another term as Road Commission in hopes that I can continue with the progress we've been making on our roads, these past several years."

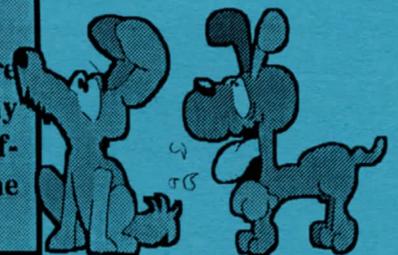
**Daniel Goucher** (Challenger): "I've lived in town since 1983; I've always wanted to run for Road Commissioner and work on Town roads, but I've always worked out-of-town in construction. Now I'm starting my own construction business and will be around my home town and hopefully can serve my fellow neighbors."

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## RABIES CLINIC

The annual rabies clinic, usually held at the Fire House, is planned for around the third Saturday in April. Look for notices at the Vienna Post Office, the Flying Pond Variety Store, and in the *Franklin Journal*.



# *But I did my homework already!*

by Susan Linn

I'm not looking forward to my daughter's return to school tomorrow. Mostly, I'm not looking forward to more homework. Homework was never easy for me. I was the kid whose papers ended up in tatters, splattered with chocolate. I was the one who misinterpreted assignments and read the wrong chapters. But I persevered determinedly, year after academic year, and almost got my work done on time....

Still, I assumed that I and my shortcomings would never again have to grapple with formal education. When I walked my daughter into school on the first day of kindergarten, I ran straight into a wall of forgotten foibles.... "At least," I breathed to myself, "it's only kindergarten. Thank goodness she won't have homework."

That first Friday, my daughter, bursting with importance, met me at her classroom door. "I have homework!" she announced proudly. "Homework?" I repeated, fighting off a rising tide of nausea. "How exciting.... Just like a big kid," I added. She nodded and explained to me seriously that on Monday she had to bring in something from nature that was alive. A million thoughts were running through my head — memories of waiting until the last minute, not having enough time, forgetting to take whatever it was with me the next day.

As we walked home, swinging hands, I fretted about the task ahead. Determined to set a good example, I said brightly, "Let's find something now, and then you won't have to think about it for the rest of the weekend." My daughter was agreeable. "What would you like to bring in?" I asked, my mind flitting to flowers, leaves and weeds. My daughter thought for a minute. "A slug," she announced.

"Are you sure?" I said, unable to let convinced that I wanted to be the mother of "Yep," she said happily, and trotted into the the porch contemplating the once and fu-

We set out for the back yard and helped her shovel a slug and some dirt into There, I gulped with relief. "It's done. Now tally patted myself on the back. "Good job,"

Late Sunday afternoon, I glanced ca-end on our kitchen counter. He didn't look Opening the lid gingerly, I poked him with Even I knew something alive from nature philosophical. "Probably we should have

The sun was rather low to the hori-I was hesitant. "Couldn't we find some her to settle on a leaf or a flower. "How about a beetle," she suggested. We started digging in the ground and after a couple of tries, found an obliging beetle. "We should put dirt in first," my daughter suggested. I disagreed, afraid the beetle would scuttle away. "No, let's scoop him up and then add the dirt," I said. My daughter was doubtful but compliant.

She snared the beetle, then dumped him in a container. I hastily poured in a hefty mound of slightly wet earth. My daughter was frantic. "We killed him, we killed him!" she cried. I was reassuring. "He's fine," I said, poking through the dirt. But he wasn't. He lay belly up at the bottom of the container, crushed by the landslide.

My daughter was accusing, saying, "I knew we should have put the dirt in first." Admitting mistakes is one of my strong points. "You're right," I said sadly. "Now what?" It was getting dark. Here I was, once again, botching a homework assignment.

"How about ants?" my daughter suggested, "Anything!" I replied. Just before it got too dark to see, we found a colony and trapped some ants. "Should we poke some air holes?" my daughter wondered. Vaguely remembering something about self-contained ant farms, I replied, "They should be OK." And they were.

Depositing my daughter and her hard-won live things from nature at the classroom door, I felt a thrill of thankful relief. But I had a sober walk home. Twelve years, 8 months and 17 days to go. I know my daughter will be fine. I'm still not sure about myself. (From the *Boston Sunday Globe*, 1/4/98)



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gan our search. Gagging only slightly, I the container and we clipped on the top. we won't have to worry about it." I men-I thought.

sually at the slug who had spent the week-right. I examined him more closely. a chopstick. Not an inkling of movement. was not a dead slug. My daughter was poked air holes," she said thoughtfully.

zon as we set out to find a slug substitute. other kind of live thing?" I asked, willing

# RABIES!

by Dianne Black  
Vienna Health Officer

As many of you are aware, some animals infected with rabies have been found in the Vienna-Mt. Vernon area.

The rabies virus is present in the saliva of the infected animal, i.e. skunk, fox, squirrel or raccoon. Because infected animals drool uncontrollably, their fur is often wet with saliva that contains the rabies virus.

Animals infected with one type of rabies may become agitated and vicious; they also drool (foam) because they are unable to swallow. Some animals may seem paralyzed and the lower jaw drops. They also drool because of their inability to swallow.

It is especially important to:

- **NOT** touch animals that act sick or that are agitated or snarling
- **HAVE** your domestic animals vaccinated.
- **KEEP** your animals away from wild animals.
- **SEE** your doctor immediately if you are bitten by an animal.
- **NOTIFY** the Animal Control Officer if you are bitten.

The treatment for rabies is anti-rabies serum, which your doctor can administer.

Everything you  
wanted to know about

## CHARCOAL

and were afraid  
to ask!

Charcoal burners were always a strange breed, living a lonely life in the forest, almost like wild beasts. And when hardwood became scarce (and later when coal was used for the job of making iron) the charcoal makers' life and habits fell into a deplorable decline. Not only shunned, they were often feared.

At its best, the job of making charcoal was not for any normal human being. The time required for charring a small mound varied from one to two weeks, but with mounds of wood thirty feet or more round, a month was average.

During all that time, through every kind of weather, the maker of charcoal lived with his mound, sleeping only in dozes for fear a flame might start and explode into a full fire which would demolish the mound. There was no time for washing; there was seldom more shelter than a bark lean-to. And there were so many things to watch for in a "live mound" that the man became almost a part of it.

It is interesting to note that early iron is better in many ways than modern iron because of the use of charcoal, which is carbon without imperfections. Some of the tools made from Berkshire iron resist rust and hold and edge better than today's Pennsylvania iron, which is made in a furnace fueled by coal.

(From *A Reverence for Wood*, by Eric Sloane, Ballentine Books, New York 1963)



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