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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

*To the residents and friends of
Vienna:*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Brian Church, Junior Meader, Steve Lilley

- Minutes from 7-25-06 read and accepted as amended.
- Discussion of roads with Road Commissioner. He requested two "Road Closed except to through traffic" signs. Brian will call DOT with questions about paving materials.
- Steve Lilley inquired about the town's oil buying program. He wanted to know if the discount could be passed on to town employees. Dodi will check with Downeast Energy.
- The Selectmen received a Tax Cap Growth Limitation Factor Form from Kennebec County. This will need to be filled out and returned.
- The selectmen reviewed and signed Warrant #13.

August 7, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Rebecca

Gross

- Opened and dispersed mail, etc.
- Dodi and Chris worked on the Interrogatories and requests for documents from Jed Davis, attorney for Darrel & Carol Hall for the D & C Hall Logging vs. Town of Vienna lawsuit.

August 15, 2006

Present: Selectmen Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Fire Chief Steve Lilley, Lake Warden Matt Moore, and Beth Evans, reporter for the Kennebec Journal.

- There was a lengthy discussion about the statement in the minutes (that appeared in the previous newsletter) about how the Lake Warden feels that he doesn't get a lot of support from the Fire Department. Steve assured Matt that the Fire Department is behind him. Steve also brought up the fact that two years ago at Town Meeting the Fire Department was informed that the boat was donated to the Lake Warden program and NOT to the Fire Department. He said this has caused some hard feelings among the

Firemen. Steve also brought up the parking problem at the boat landing on Rt. 41 at Flying Pond. Matt has also been concerned for everyone's safety, and the boater's being able to access the landing. We all agree that there are problems, but we don't quite know how to address them. Rt. 41 is a state road; the landing is in Mt. Vernon and on the DOT right of way.

- The Town has received a first bill of \$735 from Stephen Langsdorf of Preti Flaherty for handling the D&C Hall Logging vs. Town of Vienna lawsuit. The Halls are claiming that the town did not give them enough time to get bonded before their bid was rejected.
- The Town House Committee has hired a building inspector. He will inspect the Town house on Wednesday, August 16.
- John Sexton will begin the town revaluation next week. The contract was signed.
- Jamie Betit from Riverside Disposal, Inc. was here to discuss our garbage removal and recycle pick-up. Riverside had hoped to be able to take our recyclables to another

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facility for the new 3 year contract but he was informed that the Town of Vienna is already contracted to the Jay Facility for those three years. Riverside will give us their proposal for waste removal from November 2206 to November 2009 by August 23.

- Chris will ask Ervin Bean to our meeting on 8/22 to discuss his bid for mowing the roadsides.
- Warrant #14 was reviewed and signed.

August 22, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Jr. Meader, Ervin Bean, Helen Wilkey.

- Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as amended.
- There have been a few more incidents reported at the boat landing. The question of jurisdiction keeps coming up. The landing is in Mt. Vernon: Flying Pond itself is in Vienna. Brian will call the DOT and ask what they can do about parking, boat launching, etc.
- Helen Wilkey from the Town House Committee gave the selectmen a report from the building inspector. She also gave the selectmen a copy of the committee's basic concepts and focus points. Their next meeting will be September 18th and Helen invited the selectmen to attend.
- The selectmen voted to hire Ervin Bean to mow the roadsides and the old dump grounds.
- Dodi talked with Downeast Energy about our heating fuel plan. It is already in place for this year, but in the spring of 2007 we can contact them about the kind of plan which would extend to town employees.
- Dodi met with assessing agent John Sexton on 8/19 to give him a key to the town house so he has access to the property cards and maps, etc. He has begun the revaluation.
- Riverside Disposal has proposed the following: \$35,000 per year for the first two years with a 3% increase for the third year. This is an increase of \$273 per month (a smaller increase per month than the contract 4 years ago.) The selectmen voted to accept this proposal from Riverside for the new 3 year contract, with a clause for an optional 4th year. The contract will be signed on September 5th.

- It has been reported that two outlets in the Community Room were not working on Sunday. Brian will check it out.
- The selectmen began working on the figures needed to set the mil rate for the 2006 Tax Commitment.

August 26, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Jr. Meader

- Read and accepted as amended the minutes from 8/29/06.
- Dodi has passed the Community Room Scheduling Calendar to Steve Lilley.
- The Selectmen received a letter from the Flying Pond Improvement Association informing members of repairs that are needed to the dam in Mt.Vernon. They are looking for every association member to contribute \$200 toward these repairs. We will inform them that we will put an article in the warrant of the March 2007 town meeting asking for this amount.
- The Town of Vienna received a check from the state for \$13,657.07. This is the state share of the FEMA money we received for the road damage which occurred during the flooding of April 2005.

Community Potluck Dinner

Mt. Vernon Community Center

Saturday

October 14th

5:30 p.m.

Vienna folks welcome!

Vienna Historical Society

The Vienna Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of their newest publication, *1898 With Lucy Whittier* by society member and Mount Vernon resident Carole J. O’Connell. The book is a combination diary and picture book depicting a year in the life of this 19-year-old young woman from Vienna, Maine.

At the time of the diary, Lucy is living with her father, mother and two sisters on their large farm. The extended family living with them include quite elderly Aunt Nancy, who is bedridden and requires constant care. Through the daily snippets rendered by Lucy, we experience not only the routine chores attendant with farming, but also the niceties of Victorian social life, the community spirit of a small

town, and life lived by the rhythm of the seasons. She tells of the beginnings and endings of human life in Vienna, as well as of marriages and relationships. Lucy’s own pain over the loss of her beloved is almost palpable, and the joy of her finding new love lifts the spirit.

The many wonderful photographs from the Estate of Dorothy Sanborn Waugh give flesh and bones to the diary narrative, and put faces to what many times heretofore had only been names on a census sheet. Lucy Whittier was Dorothy Waugh’s aunt, but they never met as Lucy passed away 12 years before Dorothy was born.

O’Connell, a native of Sacramento, California, relocated to Maine in 2003 in search of a more tranquil life. She promptly became interested in local history and genealogy, and through a fortunate turn of events came into possession of the materials which prompted this book. *1898 With Lucy Whittier* is the culmination of well over two years of genealogical and historical research involving many families of Vienna and Mount Vernon, as well as other local towns. Lucy Whittier mentioned nearly 200 people from Kennebec and Franklin Counties in her diary, and Ms. O’Connell was able to identify and research over 170 of them, giving basic genealogical information and, in many instances, providing a photo.

The Vienna Historical society will debut the book at their booth at the Farmington Fair, September 17 through 23. For those who are not able to attend the fair, the display will be reconstructed at the Mill Stream Grange in Vienna, and all local residents are invited to view it all day Saturday, September 30. Refreshments will be available, as will copies of the book. Copies may be purchased through any Vienna Historical Society member or may be ordered at 293-4815.

Become a Town House Committee Member

Meetings 3rd Monday of each month

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Vienna Community Center

The Vienna Town House Committee is looking for one new member. By becoming a Committee Member you will get the satisfaction of sharing in the decision making around expenditures from the Dorothy Waugh Trust Fund for the preservation, maintenance, and upkeep of the Vienna Town House.

As a Committee Member, your main obligation is to attend the monthly meetings.

To be a Committee Member you must be a resident of the Town of Vienna.

If you are interested contact Norma Wing, Chair

before Oct. 16th

at 293-3725 or normawing@prexar.com

“If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.”

Pearl Buck

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4th, 2006

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the Vienna Community Center

(Vienna Fire Station)

Kimball Pond Road

Vienna, ME.

Crafts, Home Baked Goods, and Coffee

Come and join us for the craft fair!

Crafters wanted.

Tables available for \$10.00 fee.

Call Laura @ 293-4857.

Limited space available.

Sponsored by the Vienna Fire Department
Ladies Auxiliary

North Vienna Methodist Church Turkey Luncheon & Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4th

Craft Fair 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Luncheon 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Mill Stream Grange

Adults \$6, Children \$3, under 5 years free

Hunter's Supper

Sponsored by the Vienna Fire Department Co., Inc.

Adults - \$6
Age 12 & under - \$3
Age 5 & under - free

Saturday

November 11th

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The Vienna Community Center

Halloween Dance

Saturday

October 28th

8:00 P.M. til Midnight

Vienna Union Hall

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It's Flu Season

By Betsy Bransky

There is a lot going on in the world today that has the potential for great impact on your health. Along with the need for awareness of flu season in general, you now have to think about the **Avian flu**. Here is the most recent information on line that can help you to know what you are dealing with and how best to prepare for it.

During the last several years, a number of people have become ill with a strain of influenza that normally affects birds. Most, if not all, of these people have contracted the illness directly from birds – not from humans. But for those who do get the virus, this strain of flu is especially dangerous, with a high death rate among those who become ill.

This virus has not been found in Maine, but experts predict that it could reach North America by the end of the year. (http://www.maineflu.gov/ind_families.htm)

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has a great fact sheet online (<http://www.umext.maine.edu/AI/avianflue2.htm>) how to be prepared for the Avian flu. The following is an excerpt from this fact sheet.

“Avian flu has the greatest potential of becoming a pandemic flu of any flu. Pandemic flu is flu that causes a global outbreak of serious illness that spreads easily from person to person. **Currently there is no pandemic flu.**

Being prepared for emergencies is a responsibility we all share. Being prepared can ease the fears and reduce the impact of diseases and disasters. Although no one knows exactly when the next human pandemic flu outbreak will occur, there are basic preparation measures people can take, including practicing good hygiene and putting together a home emergency kit. Being prepared for emergencies is simply common sense.

The information below describes common flu symptoms, how it is spread, how to protect yourself and those close to you from getting the flu, and what to do if you get sick with flu-like symptoms.

- Flu symptoms include: fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea and vomiting.
- Flu is spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and sends the flu virus into the air. The virus enters the nose, throat or lungs of a person and multiplies. Flu spreads less frequently when a person touches a surface that has flu viruses on it.
- Antibiotics like penicillin will not cure the flu. The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but you can still get vaccinated in December and later.
- Good health habits for avoiding the flu include: avoiding close contact with people who are sick; staying home from work, school and errands when you are sick; covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing may prevent those around you from getting sick; washing your hands often will help protect you from germs; avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth; getting plenty of sleep and physically activity; managing your stress; drinking plenty of fluids and eating nutritious food.
- Four antiviral medicines are available by prescription that will help prevent flu infection: Amantadine, Rimantadine, Zanamavir and Oseltamivir.
- If you get the flu: rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid alcohol and tobacco.

For more information from the CDC, go to Influenza (the Flu): Questions & Answers at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/>.

Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>



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Vienna Mountaineers Snowmobile Club

Meets on the 1st Monday evening
of each month October thru April
at the home of Lenny & Coleen Meader
627 Cape Cod Hill Road, New Sharon, ME

For more information call, 778-3022



Vienna Union Hall Association

Meets on the
1st Monday
of every month

For more information, call
Marti Gross
293-2552



Meets Monthly...

2nd Monday
from September to June

7:00 pm
Vienna Community Center
November 13th Button Crafts

MT. VERNON/VIENNA
Cooperative Extension

MILL STREAM GRANGE No. 574



PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

1st & 3rd Friday of every month

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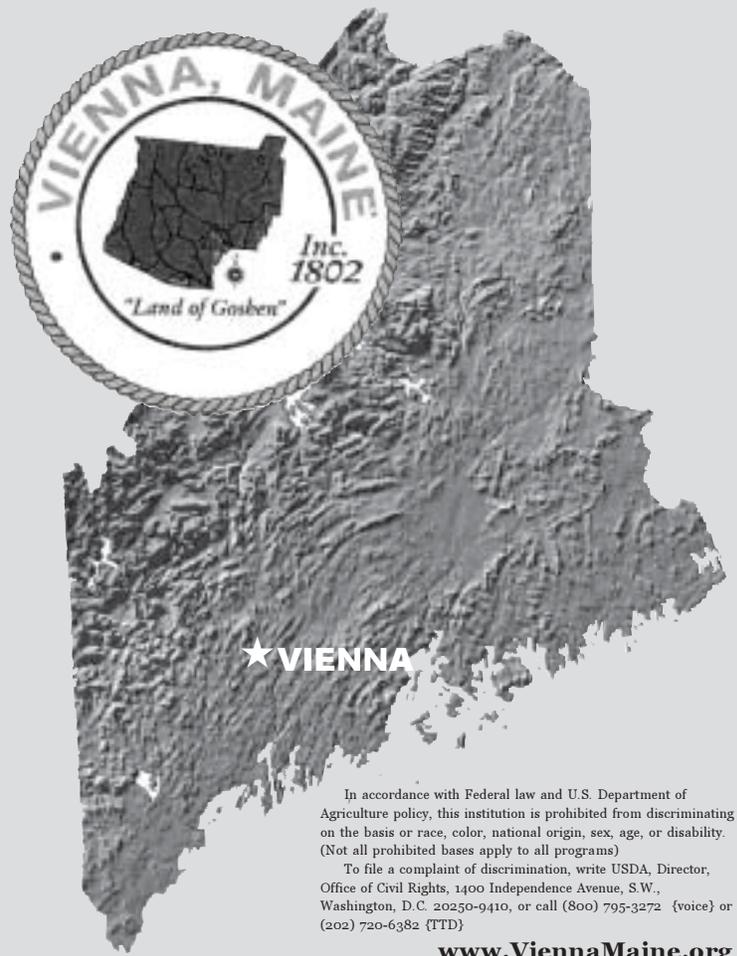
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