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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

The proposed settlement for the case of Hall vs. Town of Vienna was voted down by a clear majority at the Special Town Meeting on January 23. The case will now proceed to court.

Patricia LaVallee has submitted her letter of resignation as Town Health Officer effective February 1st. Betsy Bransky has agreed to take the position and will be sworn in later this month.

The position of Editor for the Annual Town Report is still open after Laura Reville's resignation. The templates, etc. are on a CD and have been installed into the computer at the Town House. We will be doing the job ourselves this year but Laura has agreed to help us if we need her.

Notes from the Town Clerk:

Dog registrations for 2007 are due. If you have not registered your dog(s) by February 1st there is now a late fee attached of \$15.00 per dog.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church
Also: Linwood Meader, Steve Lilley and Marti Gross

1. Read and approved Minutes from October 17th and 24th, November 7th and 14th.
2. Brian brought in another \$25 from chimney cleaning. This was accepted for the FD Operating Expense Account.
3. Linwood will be putting up some new road signs and speed limit signs. Linwood also reports our Winter Sand and Salt is all "put up". We are still having problems with beavers and culverts.
4. Roof is leaking on the Community Room again. Brian will check on the "stink pipe" and get the hole covered up.
5. The state has made its yearly inspection of our closed dump. The only improvement they want is a cable or gate on the entrance. They also commented that grass has been well kept and everything

Voting for Town Officials

Friday
March 9, 2007
4:00 to 8:00 P.M.
The Community Building

Town Meeting

Saturday
March 10, 2007
9:00 A.M.
The Community Building

seems fine.

6. Prepared and signed Warrant #22.

November 28, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson and Chris Smith

1. Read Minutes from November 21st. Accepted with change.
2. Opened mail.
3. Linwood has reported that the culvert on the Tower Road at

(See *Selectmen Meeting*, on page 2)

Selectmen Meeting from page 1

Parker Pond has been opened up.

December 5, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church

Also: Marti Gross, Linwood, Meader, Steve Lilley, John Archard and Beth Evans from the Kennebec Journal

1. Read Minutes from November 28th.
2. Linwood reports that the culvert is staying open on Parker Pond. He is having to clean it out everyday. Chris is bringing in a trapper to overlook the situation.
3. Steve brought in (2) checks totaling \$80.00, which are donations for chimney cleaning. Selectmen voted to accept these donations. Steve is also raising concerns about some of the private roads. We don't know if we can get into some of them in the winter time. Steve would also like to know when any new construction is going on so we know where the new houses are. The selectmen suggested that Steve contact the planning board so they can notify him when any new structures are being built.
4. Opened mail.
5. Prepared and signed Warrant #23.
6. John Archard came into our meeting and requested we go into executive session to

discuss the possible settlements on violations of the Vienna Shore Land Zoning Ordinance

December 12, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church

Also: Linwood Meader, Richard Nystrom, Misty McKechnie and Stanley Webster

1. Read Minutes from December 5th. Accepted with changes.
2. Linwood reports that all is well. He is still keeping an eye on those pesky beavers. Linwood met with a trapper to look the beaver situation over.
3. Richard Nystrom and Misty McKechnie came in to drop off some paperwork.
4. Stanley Webster came in to ask about getting an article for the snowmobile club into the town meeting warrant. We directed him to Connie to get the guidelines for a citizen's petition.

December 19, 2006

Present: Dodi Thompson, Brian Church and Chris Smith

Also: Linwood Meader, Marti Gross, Beth Evans from the Kennebec Journal, Irene Goff and Ernestine Emery.

1. Irene Goff notarized two new cemetery deeds that Ernestine Emery had sold. Selectmen signed the deeds and the money was given to the treasurer.

2. Linwood would like us to order some no parking signs for our turn-a-rounds. He also reports that the trappers have gotten a couple beavers down on the Stream Rd.
3. Dodi reported that Marti Gross, Treasurer, will begin preparing the warrants in January.
4. Selectmen are still looking for an editor for the Annual Town Report.
5. Opened mail.
6. Did (3) tax abatements.
 1. Nathan and Brianna Noles \$199.33 for a homestead exemption
 2. Claudia and Raymond Gifford \$416.26 adjustment to correct a property assessment
 3. Belgrade Conservational Alliance \$200.98 Billed by mistake (land now owned by State of Maine and is exempt.)
7. Read Minutes of last meeting, accepted with changes.
8. Prepared and signed Warrant #24.

January 2, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church

Also: Marti Gross and Beth Evans from the Kennebec Journal

1. Read and accepted Minutes from last meeting with amendments.
2. Prepared and signed Warrant #25. (Last one of 2006)
3. Went over and signed Warrant

(See **Selectmen Meeting**, on page 3)

Selectmen Meeting from page 2

- #1. (First one of 2007)
Prepared by Treasurer.
- 4. Began work on the Annual Town Report. Will begin contacting organizations for their reports, etc.
- 5. Prepared a letter to authorize Dan Onion to be our representative and speak with Kyes Insurance and others in all matters concerning the town insurance policies.

January 9, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church,
Also: Steve Lilley, Linwood Meader and John Archard

- 1. Steve came in to ask what dates the community room needed to be set aside for the informational town meeting concerning the law suit against the town and when the vote will be.
- 2. Linwood reports the roads are freezing and thawing repeatedly. This is causing a lot of damage to our roads. Linwood would like to post the roads. This will help when the roads are soft. We agreed with Linwood. He will post all dirt roads.
- 3. John Archard reports that Robert Ames has paid his fines and cost concerning violations of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. \$200 Fine, \$150 Cost.
- 4. Next Wednesday, January 17, 2007 we will have an

informational meeting on the D&C Hall Logging vs. Town of Vienna Law Suit proposed settlement. The Special Town Meeting to vote on the proposed settlement (\$15000) of the case will be the following Tuesday, January 23, 2007. Both meetings will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room. Our attorney, Stephen Langsdorf will attend, and we have asked Alan Williams to moderate. Dodi has sent out a flyer to the townspeople with all the information about the two meetings.

January 16, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church
Also: Marti Gross, Steve Lilly, Stanley Webster, Linwood Meader and Stephen Hopkins CPA, Town Auditor

- 1. Read Minutes from January 9th. Accepted with changes.
- 2. Went over and signed Warrant #02.
- 3. Stanley Webster brought in the citizens petition from the snowmobile club for a Town Meeting article requesting \$1000 – for trails. This will be forwarded to Connie to verify signatures.
- 4. Linwood reports that since dirt roads have recently stayed frozen he did not post the roads. He will keep track of freezing and thawing.
- 5. Dodi reported that she met with Laura Reville who loaded

the templates for the Annual Town Report into the computer at the Town House. We will do the editing but Laura said she will help us if we need it before we go to print. Everything goes to the printer camera ready.

- 6. Patricia LaVallee sent in a letter of resignation as Town Health Officer effective February 1st. Betsy Bransky will take over this position in February.
- 7. Stephen Hopkins presented us with the final draft of the 2005 audit. We went over a few points and signed the acceptance letters. We also discussed when we will receive the 2006 audit. Stephen says as long as we get our financial reports to him in the next few weeks and everything goes well, we should have the 2006 audit by Town Meeting.

January 23, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith and Brian Church
Also: Marti Gross

- 1. Read Minutes from January 16th. Accepted with changes.
- 2. Adjourned for Special Town Meeting at 6:20 p.m.
- 3. Reconvened at 7:55 p.m.
- 4. The article at the Special Town Meeting to settle the law suit of D&C Hall Logging vs. Town of Vienna et al. was voted down. We are going to court.
- 5. Began work on the Vienna Town Warrant for our March Town Meeting.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Become a Town House Committee Member

Meetings 3rd Monday of each month

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Vienna Community Center

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If you are interested contact Norma Wing, Chair

before February 18th.

at 293-3725 or normawing@fairpoint.net

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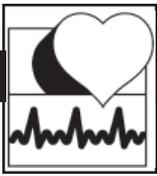
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Keeping Those New Year's Resolutions!

By Betsy Bransky

Frequently, when we make a New Year's Resolution, we expect to accomplish the task sometime between the second week and the last week of January. If we haven't, well, then that's it! Maybe we'll try again next year. Here is an accumulation of tips on how to keep this year's resolutions from some of the experts and a few resources for more information.

Get clear about what it is that you want to accomplish and write it down.

Make a plan. Anything worth doing is worth taking the time to make a plan that will work for you. Setting short-term goals will help you see your success along the way. Include in your plan a new "good for you" behavior to replace the old behavior you are trying to change. Have fun!

Be realistic. The surest way to fall short of your resolution is to make it unattainable. Don't be a hero, strategize. If you need to make changes in your environment or your daily routine to help meet your needs let others know and ask for their support.

Allow yourself time. Some experts say it takes 18 months to truly modify behavior. Some others say it takes about 21 days for a new activity, such as exercising, to become a habit, and 6 months for it to become part of your personality. Either way, it is clear that you really need to give yourself the time to meet your goals.

Talk about it. Share your intention with people who will supportively hold you accountable to taking action.

Track your progress: Keep track of each small success you make toward reaching your larger goal. Short-term goals are easier to keep, and small

accomplishments will help keep you motivated.

Reward Yourself. This doesn't mean that if your resolution is to diet you can eat an entire box of chocolates. Instead, celebrate your success by treating yourself to something that you enjoy.

Don't Beat Yourself Up. Obsessing over the occasional slip won't help you achieve your goal. If you take a wrong turn, just turn around and get on the right road. Do the best you can each day, and take them one at a time.

Keep trying: If your resolution has totally run out of steam by mid-February, don't despair. Start over again!

There's no reason you can't make a "New Year's Resolution" any time of year.

*<http://healing.about.com/od/marciawieder/a/powerintention.htm>
<http://ibdcrohns.about.com/cs/mentalhealth/a/newyearresolve.htm>
Roberts, L. 2006. "Got some resolutions? Here's how to keep'em". *Maine Sunday Telegram*, December 31, 2006.*

New Year's Resolutions

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V	Q	L	S	S	E	C	C	U	S	ACHIEVE
R	E	S	O	L	U	T	I	O	N	ATTAINABLE
B	C	S	Y	S	L	A	O	G	Q	CELEBRATE
E	L	B	A	N	I	A	T	T	A	GOALS
A	C	C	O	M	P	L	I	S	H	MOTIVATED
R	E	W	A	R	D	O	W	A	B	REALISTIC
M	O	T	I	V	A	T	E	D	O	RESOLUTION
E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	H	REWARD
W	C	I	T	S	I	L	A	E	R	SUCCESS





A Brief History of Vienna, Maine

By Mark Rains

Vienna and McGaffey Mountain (the highest point in Kennebec County) are formed from Rome Granite estimated to be about 30 million years old. About 17,000 years ago, all of Maine was covered by a glacier more than one mile thick, and parts of Vienna were probably below the ocean. The glacier carved ponds out of the granite and left boulders that farmers piled into stone walls. As the heavy ice melted, the land rose and then the sea level rose, until the present Maine coastline was established, about 2000 years ago.

The first human inhabitants of the Vienna area were Abnaki Indians; their name means "light in the east," or "morning" and they include members of the Micmac, Malicite, Passamaquoddy, Arosaguntacook, Sokoki, Penobscot and Norridgewock tribes. (Flying Pond reportedly received its name from Abanakis who were hoping to return to it but had a hard time finding it when they came back to look for it.)

Kings of France and England were among the early "property owners" of Maine, which was known variously as New Somersetshire, Lygonia, New England, etc. In a 1661 "Kennebec Purchase", four men bought the area around Vienna from the Plymouth Colony. Their heirs became known as the Plymouth Company. The "Plymouth Line" through Vienna - that shows on some deeds and property maps - comes from original survey of these lands, and served for a time as the boundary between Vienna and Rome.

In order to encourage settlement in the late 1700's, free grants of land and provisions for the first winter were given to settlers who could clear five acres and build a small house within three years. In 1781, "all the land next above Norridgewalk, on the Westerly side of Kennebec" was know as Goshen. As surrounding areas were settled and incorporated over the next twenty years, the Vienna area may have been one of the last unnamed parts of Goshen. What was to become Vienna was also known to some as Chester Plantation, Wyman Plantation, and Viana.

In 1782, Nathaniel Whittier and his brother-in-law,

Jedediah Prescott, Jr., purchased (for about 10 cents an acre) "a tract of land approximately six miles in extent north and south and three miles east and west, bounded on the north by New Sharon, on the east by the Plymouth Line, on the south by Fayette, and on the west by McGurdy Stream and Little Norridge Stream."

On February 20, 1802, the Town of Vienna was incorporated in the County of Kennebec, Province of Maine, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, United States of America. Details of the naming of Vienna are not clear (reportedly by Daniel Morrill or his wife, from Salisbury, Massachusetts, after the capital of Austria) but it's interesting to note that it occurred in between the incorporation of neighboring Maine towns of Paris (1793), Belgrade (1796), Rome (1804), and Madrid (1836). It became Vienna, Maine on March 15, 1820. It is joined by 16 other Viennas across the United States, in AL, GA, IN, IL, MD, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OH, SD, TX, VA and WV!

Though there were undoubtedly silent years, Vienna's two churches have survived population fluctuation and economic change. Today, the Vienna Baptist and North Vienna Methodist churches have regular pastors. Community organizations have thrived over the years, including the Union Hall Association (1888), Glenwood Valley Grange (1914) reorganized as Mill Stream Grange (1947), Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, Vienna Historical Society (1981) and Mt. Vernon - Vienna Extension.

In 2002, Vienna enjoyed a year of Bicentennial activities, including a February community potluck and fireworks over the millpond, complete with a red, white and blue-lit snowmobile caravan, a showcase of area artists, a house-and-garden tour, a bicentennial parade (featuring a busload of teachers and students from the 1920's) and celebrating a centennial dairy farm, a historical play, a blueberry social and street dance, more fireworks, a bicentennial postmark, a signpost of mileages to the "other" known U.S. Viennas, and an exchange of greetings from Vienna, Austria (Wien, Oesterreich).



COME JOIN US!

Vienna Planning Board MEETINGS

The Vienna Planning Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Vienna Town House Route 41, Vienna, Maine

For more information, call Waine Whittier, Chair at 293-2072 or Creston Gaither, Secretary at 293-2909

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SELECTMEN MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month 6:00 p.m. at the Town House



Vienna Town House - Rte. 41, Vienna, ME

WORK SESSIONS:

2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
5th Tuesday at 6:00 pm (as needed)

Q. Why does Vienna need a Comprehensive Plan?

A. The town's current comprehensive plan is over twenty years old. Central Maine is growing again, especially rural towns like Vienna and its neighbors. Vienna's population is projected to increase to 676 individuals by the year 2020. People from away are moving to town bringing new expectations; we need to be prepared. The population growth between 1990 and 2004 was primarily the result of people moving here, rather than people being born here. We need to control the costs of growth and development so that property taxes do not get out of hand.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE



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