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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

The second installment of the 2007 tax bill will be coming out in late August. The 2007 mil rate will be determined when we do the official commitment on August 21. The first installment which went out in June was estimated on last year's mil rate of .01972.

The revaluation of the town (which goes into effect for 2008 taxes) is nearing completion. Taxpayers will be notified by mail of their new valuation.

Special town meeting held on July 24th: Article 2: To see if the town will vote to appropriate up to \$5000 from surplus (to go with the \$10,300 already available) to rebuild the pump on the 1991 Ford Firetruck. Note: The estimate for this rebuild is \$10,000 to \$14,000. Recommended: Yes Passed

Thank you to Alan Williams for serving as moderator at the meeting.



Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting - June 5, 2007

At the meeting: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Junior Meader, Steve Lilley, Marti Gross, Wayne Whittier, Dan Onion, John Archard, Beth Evans.

- Road Commissioner Report: He will use reclaim on Egypt Pond Rd until the town can afford tar, which is estimated at \$1000 per load. Junior reported that someone had used our sand pit for 4 wheeling. We will put up signs – No trespassing - no ATVs or off road vehicles. There was a question on the damage to the turnaround on Mason Rd. Chris stated that the town owns up to the Mason's driveway. Junior reported that all the road sides in town had been cleaned and the brush was chipped.

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During the month of August, the Vienna Fire Department will have their Chimney Cleaning Sign-up List posted at the Vienna Post Office and Flying Pond Variety. Cleaning will begin in September and continue until the jobs are complete.

Make sure you get our name on the list because there are just a few firefighters available to provide this important service.



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- The 2006 audit has arrived from auditor Stephen Hopkins. Copies are available at the town house.
- Selectmen received a copy of letter from a resident regarding a variance on their property. The original letter was sent to Jim Anderberg, Chairman of the Board of Appeals.
- Decision on tax bills: The Assessor will not be done with the field work until sometime in July due to a family health issue. The selectmen voted unanimously to send out the 2007 tax bills with our current valuations. The revaluation figures will not be in place until the 2008 tax bills. The first estimated tax bill will be sent this month as soon as all the regular changes, transfers and tree growth figures, etc. are entered.
- Selectmen received a letter from Attorney Langsdorf regarding upcoming Hall vs. Vienna trial, stating that it will not be a jury trial. The date will be set for later this summer.
- Warrant #11 was reviewed and signed.
- Wayne Whittier and Dan Onion of the Vienna Ponds Preservation Committee discussed several issues. They reported that there was interest among the lake groups to form a 5013c non profit corporation group including towns along the 30 mile river. This would be a collaborative multi town group sharing their resources. Fayette would like to make a donation of \$1500 to the Town of Vienna designated for the Lake Warden Account. Matt Moore, our current Lake Warden has told us that this will be his last year. Future Lake Wardens could be employed by the corporation. Echo Lake Association would like to give money to have inspections at the boat launch in Mt Vernon. It was agreed that we would hire one or two more inspectors at the current rate of \$7.50 and long as the money was in the budget. This rate needs to be approved at town meeting. Hours will be tracked for each pond. It was suggested that since the Kennebec Land Trust owns property on Parker Pond that they might be able to help the corporation with legal issues.
- John Archard, CEO spoke to the selectmen in Executive Session on a recent cutting violation in the shore land zone on Mill Pond. He had a proposed settlement which he will present

to the violators.

June 13, 2007

Election Day in Vienna – 167 voters (147 in person, 20 absentee ballots).
Brian and Chris met briefly, no minutes available.

Selectmen's Meeting - June 19, 2007

At the meeting: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Marti Gross, Steve Lilley, Beth Evans from KJ.

- Floyd Stevens came in to pick up his deed transfer paper work from us.
- FEMA has still not been to Vienna yet to go over the Patriots Day Storm damage. Chris will contact them to see when they are coming up.
- Linwood reported that a new stop sign is up on the Bean Rd. Also the new speed limit signs are ready to put up.
- Linwood, Chris, and Lenny will be meeting with Mike Mason to discuss the turn around area on the end of the Mason Rd.
- Reviewed and signed Warrant #12.
- The selectmen and fire chief discussed getting engine "81" pump fixed. We have approximately \$5300.00 in our repair account. The Fire Department figures they can spend \$5000 out of its current year's budget. It was agreed to set up a special town meeting to approve appropriating up to \$5000.00 from surplus to fix the pump. Estimated repairs will be from \$10,000 to \$14,000. The special town meeting was set for July 24th with an informational meeting on July 17th.

June 26, 2007

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

- Tom Dinsmore, a representative from the state stopped by to discuss the status of Vienna Roads that pass through the Kennebec Highlands. He

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was given a copy of a map dated 1870 to help him with his research.

- Linwood reported that all the new speed limit signs are up. Chris and Linwood met again with a FEMA representative on June 22. They were told to expect reimbursement for the April 16th storm damage by mid July.
- The selectmen printed and folded the mailer announcing an informational meeting and special town meeting on fire truck repair.
- Went through correspondence.

July 3, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Marti Gross

- Selectmen met briefly to review and sign Warrant #13.

July 10, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Ernestine Emery, Rachel Meader, Beth Evans from KJ.

- Reviewed correspondence.
- Reviewed price quote from Morton Salt for winter salt – \$59.17 per ton. The town averages about 225 tons per year. 2006 total was \$13,313.25.
- Received notice from the Department of Transportation that Vienna will receive \$28, 868 this year from the Urban-Rural Initiative Program which will go to the Paving Account. This is paid in 4 installments- September, December, March and June.
- Reviewed minutes of the “30 Mile River Watershed Association” meeting on July 2. Included was their “Purpose and Plans”. The Association includes the following towns: Vienna, New Sharon, Mt. Vernon, Fayette, Chesterville, Leeds, Wayne and Readfield, Lake Associations of Kimball Pond, Flying Pond, Parker Pond, Echo Lake, Lovejoy Pond, David/Basin/Tilton Ponds, Pocassett Pond and Androscoggin Lake, and the Kennebec Highlands Land Trust.
- Rachel Meader notarized a deed for a cemetery plot.

July 17, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Barry Emery, Linwood Meader, Jr., Beth Evans from KJ.

- Sign up sheets will be available August 1 for chimney cleaning by the Vienna Fire Department. Donations are welcome.
- Warrant for special town meeting on July 24th was posted. Alan Williams will be asked to serve as moderator.
- Selectmen officially accepted the donation of new kitchen cabinetry in the Community Room kitchen. The cabinets were donated by Vienna Fire Department, Inc. They were installed by Bob Bassett and Roger Reville.
- Christine Crichton stopped by to review her property card.
- Meeting adjourned to the informational meeting at 7:00 at the Community Building.
- Selectmen returned to the town house to continue their meeting. Discussed getting bids for roadside mowing.
- Dodi reported that the Town House Committee accepted a bid from Maranacook Masonry to top off the Town House chimney and repair flashing, total \$1155. Selectmen approved.

July 24, 2007

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

- Ken Keniston came in to look at property tax maps.
- Norma Wing came by to sign out the town’s projector.
- Discussion of the fact that the town has still not received it’s reimbursement from Fema.
- Reviewed correspondence.
- Adjourned to go to Special Town Meeting at 7:00.
- Article passed

No meeting was held on July 31.



Vienna's Historic Mineral Spring

By Carole O'Connell

It was common custom in the 19th and early 20th centuries to provide public watering places for travelers and their horses. Sometimes this would be nothing more than a trough alongside the road. People passing through the Town of Vienna were indeed fortunate to have access to fresh, clear spring water provided by one of the natural mineral springs in the area. The mineral spring is still supplying water to the residents of Vienna, as well as to summer residents, and passers-by.

Though privately owned since the early settlement of Vienna, the spring was established for public use in 1886 by way of deed from the owner. He allowed the building of a pipeline to supply several houses in the village, as well as provided for public use at the roadside.

Today, the mineral spring is owned and maintained by the Vienna Historical Society, which provides manpower for upkeep, tests the water monthly, and purchases needed equipment and insurance. Jim Gajarski is in charge of the spring and spends numerous hours each month in upkeep and administration. Preserving the spring and its history is one of the Society's objectives.

Users of the spring should be aware of a few guidelines in proper use. To clear the tube of any impurities or algae which may have formed, simply hold the tube erect above your shoulders for several

seconds, then lower and allow to flush. Do this about three times and the tube will be clean. Please do not make any changes or improvements to any part of the spring. With all good intentions, people sometimes make "improvements" which are not beneficial, and in the long run cause additional work.



As a matter of fact, Federal law prohibits anyone other than the Vienna Historical Society from making any alterations to the spring. We do appreciate all input and should you have an idea for improving the site, please contact a Historical Society member.

The Society of course welcomes donations for upkeep of the spring. You

many direct these to:

Vienna Historical Society
Village Spring Donation
P.O. Box 74
Vienna, ME 04360

Your donation will be used solely for maintenance of the spring. As you enjoy a sip of cool water, take time to ponder all the ancestors who made it possible, and of all those who have stopped and refreshed themselves over these some 120 years.



Reducing Carbon Emissions

Submitted by Muffy Floyd

Did you know that operating your lawn mower for an hour produces as much (or perhaps more) pollution as driving your car 1300 miles? Unfortunately, small engines are BIG polluters and it's not just carbon dioxide – one study found 26 different pollutants in the exhaust of small engines. One EPA study found that approximately 9 percent of some types of air pollutants nationwide come from the small engines on lawn and garden equipment. And every time you use your small engine, you are usually close to the exhaust where the concentration of pollutants is the highest.

Unfortunately we use lots of small engines – lawn mowers, chain saws, generators, leaf blowers, power washers, wood splitters, rototillers, snowmobiles, ATVs. These are part of our life and most of us don't want to live without them. But you can do a few things to reduce the impact.

Consider ways to reduce the amount you use your lawn mower: mow a little less lawn or mow it less

often. If you are in the market for a new lawn mower and your lawn is small, consider getting an electric mower.

If possible, use a rake instead of a leaf blower. Split some of your wood by hand. Use your power washer less often. Use a hoe to weed your garden rather than rototilling it (plus excess rototilling is not good for the soil).

Even a small reduction can make a difference if we all do it.





What's Happening in the Vienna Area

Ongoing

La Grange Cafe every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:30 am at the Mill Stream Grange. Share a coffee and pastry with your friends and neighbors. Run with volunteers and donations. All proceeds go to the Union Hall Association. Casual + Friendly + Welcoming

August 2007

August, the Vienna Fire Department will have their **Chimney Cleaning Sign-up List** will be posted at the Vienna Post Office and Flying Pond Variety. Cleaning will begin in September. Make sure to sign up!

Saturday, August 4th at 11:00 am the **Mt. Vernon Auction** at the Mt. Vernon Town Beach/Community Center. Rain or Shine. Donation drop-off dates, August 2nd or 3rd or call 293-3773

Wednesday, August 8th, **French Mountain Hike with Margaret Pietrak** at 6:30 pm, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). For more info call BRCA at 495-6039

Wednesday, August 8th, **Golf Tournament**, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). For more info call BRCA at 495-6039

Friday, August 10th, **An Evening of Jazz** at the Mt. Vernon Community Center

Saturday, August 11th, another **Olde Tyme Fair** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Grange with games, contests, hay rides, food and music (*Rain Date Sunday, Aug 12th*) followed in the evening by a **Contra Dance** in the Post Office Parking Lot (*the Union Hall if its raining*) from 6:30 to 9:00 pm with the Fiddleheadz Band

Saturday, August, 11th, **Public Supper** from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Chop Suey and Homemade Pies. \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors, \$3.00 for Children

Wednesday, August 22nd, **Round Top Hike with Margaret Pietrak** at 3:00 pm, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). For more info call BRCA at 495-6039

Saturday, August 25th, a **Nature Walk with Warren Balgooyen** at Wishing Well Farm at 10:00 am, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). For more info call BRCA at 495-6039

Saturday, August 25th, **Hot August Night Dance**, at 7:00 pm at the Union Hall. Music by the Burnin' Band! \$5.00 per person.

September 2007

Saturday, Sept 8th, **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) Annual Meeting**, Alden Camps in Oakland, ME. For more info call BRCA at 495-6039

Saturday, Sept 29th, **Community Design Workshop** by the Vienna Town House Committee. Time and location to be announced. "Draw Your Own Conclusions" about the future of the Vienna Town House and site. Work in small facilitated teams to produce a design for the site.

Other Area Activities

The Arts Institute of Maine
Chamber of Commerce
The Kennebec Land Trust
Narrow Gauge Cinema
Railroad Square Cinema
University of Maine Farmington

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<http://www.farmingtonchamber.org/html/events.php>
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<http://www.mylocaldiscovery.com/movies/theater/details/25>
<http://www.umf.maine.edu/news/>



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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

www.viennamaine.org



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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. What is a Community Vision Statement?

A. Creating a vision begins by asking community members what they value about their area and what they would like to see improved in the next ten to twenty years.

Once written, a vision statement helps to define the direction in which to proceed. For example, a vision statement can be used to work "backwards" to develop a plan of action. Ask: "If this were the future, and this vision has happened, what was done?" "How did we get this outcome?" This helps avoid focusing on negative reactions such as how difficult or impossible it will be to do something.

You can get a copy of the 1st draft of Vienna's Vision Statement on our website at www.viennamaine.org or by asking one of the Comprehensive Plan Committee members. Let us know what you think!

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- Unknown

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