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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting - August 07, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Marti Gross, Steve Lilley, Barry Emery, Beth Evans from K.J.

1. Received & signed paving contract with Pike Industries for the following paving work:
 - A. Mason Rd. 1056 ft. x 20 ft. Grind & Pave \$17,956.33
 - B. Tower Rd. 300 ft. x 10 ft. (repair) Grind & Pave \$3,771.18
 - C. Davis Rd. 2600 ft. x 20 ft. Grind & Pave \$44,177.22Total: \$65,844.73
This project will begin around the last week in August.
2. Linwood has been busy making repairs to the Jesse Ladd Rd., Kimball Pond Rd. and Egypt Pond Rd. He also reports that we need to do some ditching on the Tower Rd. near Wayne Whittier's place.

3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #15.
4. Helen Wilkey came in to ask us for a road sign catalog. We gave her toll free # the White Sign Co (online catalogue). Helen, a member of the Town House Committee, was given the new topographical map of the Town House lot, recently done by Yorkhill Surveying. She was also given a copy of the revised estimate for chimney work. It was determined that the top of the chimney did not need to be replaced. Dodi reported that the Maranacook Masonry, Inc. had finished repointing a portion of

the Town House chimney and replaced the flashing earlier that day.

5. Steve & Brian reported that Truck "81" has been delivered to Reliance Equipment and the repairs have been started. The repairs should be finished by August 17 th .
6. Opened & went over mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - August 14, 2007

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

1. The town received its first check
(See *Selectmen Meeting*, on page 2)

Draft Recommendations Coming Soon !

A draft of Vienna's Comprehensive Plan will be completed within the next several weeks, at which time it will be available for public review and input. The recommendations will be posted on the town's WEB page and copies will be available at the Town House. A Public Forum to present the recommendations will be held in mid October.

Highlights of the Comprehensive Plan (Ten Year Planning Period):

- Vienna's year-round population is projected to increase to 609 individuals by the year 2010, and to 676 individuals by the year 2020. Growth will mostly be the result of people moving into town.

(See *Draft Recommendations*, on page 3)

Selectmen Meeting from page 1

for reimbursement for road repair from the "Patriot's Day Storm" - \$25,979.48

2. The selectmen have agreed to offer Emery Enterprises the fourth year option on his snow removal contract for off road plowing.
3. Steve & Brian expect that we should get Fire Truck "81" back in town by August 17th. The cost of the repairs will require that we take some money from surplus as voted on July 24th .
4. Opened & went over mail.

Selectman's Meeting - August 21, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Steve Lilley, Marti Gross, Barry Emery, John Archard

1. Read & accepted minutes from the August 7 and August 14, 2007.
2. Linwood reports that most of the roads have been patched. A couple of places are not patchable at this time. The Mason Rd. has been ditched, a new culvert put in and is ready for paving. The Davis Rd. is being prepared for paving. (Note: most of the culverts we are now installing are made of plastic to avoid rusting). Linwood is getting prices for new culverts.
3. Reviewed and signed warrant # 16.
4. Barry Emery has agreed to take the "fourth year option" on his off road snow removal contract with a 3% cost of living increase. The amount is \$3973.74 for the 2007-2008 season.
5. Steve Lilly reports that firetruck "81" is back in service after the repairs to the pump.
6. Selectmen went over budget figures for the 2007 tax commitment.

Selectman's Meeting - August, 28 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Bob Weingarten

1. Read and accepted minutes of August 21st.
2. Opened and went over mail.
3. Bob Weingarten stopped in to go over his current land assessment and to get the 2007 tree growth

tax values as set by the State of Maine for Kennebec County.

4. Selectmen worked on the 2007 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form to set our mil rate. The official tax commitment will be done in September.
5. Brian reported that Rebekah Church has agreed to serve on the SAD 9 Reorganization Planning Committee.

Selectman's Meeting - September 18, 2007

Present: Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Marti Gross, Barry Emery, Beth Evans from K.J.

1. Doug & Rick Moore stopped in to go over their property card and tax bill for 2007.
2. Reviewed and signed Warrant #18
3. Went over the road budget with Linwood, looking at the balances on the road accounts for the rest of the year.
4. Pike Industries has now informed us that they will begin Vienna's paving project on Oct. 1st

Selectmen's Meeting - September 25, 2007

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Linwood Meader, Mary Thompson

1. Minutes of 9/18 approved.
2. Discussion of ditching on Kimball Pond Rd (in preparation for paving a section past Jesse Ladd Road). Pike Industries still on schedule to begin paving work the first week of October.
3. Chris reported that the town has now received all of our money from FEMA for the April 2007 Storm related road damage. We will receive the 15% share from the state after all projects have been completed and the reports have been submitted.
4. Selectmen agreed to authorize the Comprehensive Plan Committee to extend their contract with State Planning Office to go through May 2008. Work will soon be completed of the Comprehensive Plan, and final approval will be voted on at March Town Meeting.

Draft Recommendations from page 1

- Approximately 70 new homes will be built over the next ten years. Slightly less than half of these homes will be seasonally occupied.
 - Land and homes are becoming increasingly expensive as a result of the in-migration of more affluent people and the growing demand for seasonal homes on ponds and areas with scenic views.
 - Without intervention, new development will probably continue to occur along town roads, and may extend off rural roads to provide scenic views and more remote settings.
 - There is concern about major developments and new commercial and industrial uses that might have negative impacts on residential neighborhoods, natural resources, roads and other public facilities and services.
 - The most significant concern has been maintaining the water quality of the town's ponds.
- Maintaining wildlife habitat is also important to townspeople.
 - Town government works cost-effectively in large part because of the high levels of volunteerism.
 - There will be increased demands for services and facilities as a result of population growth, primarily the result of people from away with higher expectations moving to Vienna.
 - Potential service and facility issues for the next ten years include a more functional town office and office hours, improvements to the fire station/community building, new fire truck(s), and the need for paid staff or employees.
 - Potential transportation issues for the next ten years include improvements to Route 41, traffic going too fast through the village, and maintenance of 23 miles of town roads, some of them very steep and challenging to maintain. Road expenditures are the second highest budget item.

VIENNA'S VISION TO THE YEAR 2020: Maintain the quality of life that citizens cherish and preserve the most treasured places while accommodating population growth.

The Comprehensive Plan Recommendations seek to maintain the best of Vienna over the next ten years. The Plan recommends a three-pronged approach that includes:

- **Open Space Planning** to preserve the most highly valued open spaces through conservation easements and other voluntary mechanisms;
- **Land Use Regulation**, where necessary, to

protect the town from major developments, to conserve the most sensitive natural resources, and to encourage growth in areas where it can be most easily served; and

- **Capital Improvements Planning** designed to more efficiently provide services and facilities, including roads, with some level of priority for areas where growth is most desirable.





The Time Is Now To Plan and Practice It – Home Fire Escape

Submitted by Betsy Bransky

Many people and families follow a series of items on a schedule or a to-do list to keep things running smoothly. Sound familiar? There is one item that should get top billing on everyone's list - plan and practice a home fire escape. This item should be marked "must-do now!" Whether the list of tasks is posted on the refrigerator door, is a running tally in your head or takes on the form of a reminder that lives in your latest organizer gadget – the time is now to get this item moved to your "done" list.

Everyone thinks that tragedies like home fires happen in other communities and to other people. That's probably what the people affected by the 381,000 home fires that occurred in the United States in 2005 thought too, before it happened to them. Unlike many things that can get postponed for a day or two with little consequence, planning and practicing your home fire escape simply isn't one of them.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 3,030 were killed in those fires – that's one person every three hours. Does preparing for escape still sound like something that can be put off for another day?

As well as being prepared to escape a fire, it is equally important to be vigilant about preventing one from happening in the first place. Many times there is something that you can do so that a fire doesn't start fire, like paying attention to what you are cooking, for example. Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and unattended cooking is the leading cause. The next time you have dinner on the stove and think about leaving the room, think again.

If a fire occurs don't you want to be prepared to escape from it? If you and your neighbors in Vienna have not taken the time to plan and practice your home fire escape plan, unfortunately you are not alone – nationally studies show that only 23% of households have. This is something that can literally mean the difference between surviving a fire or being the victim of one.

It's time for the residents of Vienna to get ready for the very real possibility that a fire can occur in their home and being prepared to escape from one is extremely important.

Here's what you need to do right now:

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and have one inside each sleep room and outside of each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.
- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.
- Practice using the plan, at least twice a year. If everyone knows that everyone else is ready to exit quickly, no one will lose precious time trying to help someone who doesn't need help.
- Some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. They may need help to wake up.

This October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week, and this year's theme is Practice Your Escape Plan. What better time to remind Vienna residents that the time is now to make a fire escape plan and practice it? There is also an opportunity individuals and communities to join together to promote fire safety and be a part of The Great American Fire Drill. For more information visit www.firepreventionweek.org or www.sparky.org.

Don't let another day go by without planning and practicing your home fire escape plan – you never know when you may need to use it. And don't forget once you move it to your "done" list, it is something that should be reviewed and practiced at least twice a year.



Ideas for Recycling and Energy Efficiency

Submitted by Diane Friese

Monday, October 8 is the last Vienna Bulky Pickup Day for 2007. Remember that each household can dispose of only 3 car-sized tires free on Bulky Pickups. Additional tires and those which are oversized are subject to a fee and must have a sticker on them prior to being picked up. Stickers can be purchased from one of Vienna's Selectmen.

Recycling Tips:

Do you sometimes find that you have a pile of small candle ends that you are saving and don't want to throw away, but never get around to using? Here are few ideas for using them:

- Melt down all your old candles ends into one big multicolored candle using a tin or empty frozen orange juice can as a mold
- Use to make matches damp-proof
- Coat rolled newspaper starter logs for use in fireplaces, woodstoves or in your camp fires

If you find yourself with some miscellaneous socks without mates, the following are some recycling ideas:

- Give these socks to your children or grandchildren for sock puppets
- Take old socks camping and double them up to use as pot holders
- Use to dust or polish furniture or stone sculptures
- Tie them into a knot and use as a dog toy
- Use to clean up after your arts and crafts or projects particularly when using glue

Energy Efficiency Tips:

Water conservation is something we should all practice even here in Maine. With the exception of the air we breathe, water is the single most important element in our lives. It is too precious to waste. Nearly 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers which are research now shows are rapidly melting. This leaves just 1% for all of humanity's

needs on the planet!

It costs your household money every time your electric pump comes on to bring water to one of the faucets you turn on. The more electricity you use, the more the large power plants have to produce and the more pollution they spew into the atmosphere. The pollution from commercial and industrial energy plants is a significant contributor to global warming which is already impacting our climate here in Vienna. The following are some water and electric conservation suggestions:

- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. A slow drip can waste 15-20 gallons a day. Fix it and you will save almost 6,000 gallons a year plus that much wear and tear on your water pump.
- Check for invisible leaks in your toilet. Put a bit of food coloring in each toilet tank. Without flushing, wait 15 minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It's not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. That's more than 30,000 gallons a year!
- Fill your dishwasher or clothes washer full because it uses the same amount of water for a normal cycle, whether it contains a full load of dishes or clothes or just a few items. (Also there is no need to fully wash dishes before loading in the dishwasher - just scrape off food scraps)
- Shower "the navy way". Because fresh water is relatively scarce on ships, sailors were taught to just get wet and then turn off the shower while soaping and scrubbing and turn it back on again to rinse off. This is a significant water conservation technique.
- Turn your water heater down to 130 degrees.
- When you are rinsing your vegetables and fruits, stopper the sink instead of using running water.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill dish pans or stopper your sinks with soapy and rinse water instead of using running water.

We can all make a difference by saving water resources in our own homes and as an extra bonus reduce our home energy costs.

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

October 2007

Saturday, October 27th, **Halloween Dance Party** from 8:00 P.M til Midnight! at Vienna Union Hall. Music by Second Wind. \$5 per person.....Fun for all ages! Costumes Optional...but so much fun! Proceeds to benefit the ongoing restoration of Union Hall

November 2007

Saturday, November 3rd, the **Annual Turkey Luncheon and Craft Fair** will be held in the new Fellowship Hall of the North Vienna United Methodist Church on Tower Road. The craft fair starts at 10:00 AM and the luncheon will be served from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults \$6.00, children \$3.00 and children under 6 free

Saturday, November 3rd, the Ladies Auxiliary is having its **Annual Craft Fair** from 9am-3pm, at the Vienna Community Room. All crafters interested, contact Becky Hooper at 293-3163, or Laura Payeur at 293-4850. Tables are \$10.00

Saturday, November 10th, **Hunter's and Family Breakfast** from 5:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Masonic Hall, 353 Pond Rd., Mount Vernon, Maine. Menu - 2 fried eggs, home fries, ham, baked beans, toast, jelly, coffee, tea, orange juice and apple pie. Adults \$ 6.00, 12 and under \$ 4.00 Breakfast put on by the Vernon Valley Star. All proceeds to go to the different Charities that the Star supports.





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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

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



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4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm

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

Q. Why is it important for everyone to be involved?

A. The Vienna Comprehensive Plan must reflect the values of the people it serves.

The Vienna Comprehensive Plan Committee has encouraged citizen input throughout the planning process. A Public Opinion Survey was mailed to Vienna landowners on May 12, 2007 and the first workshop to create a "Future Vision for Vienna" was held on Monday, June 18, 2007 in the Fellowship Room behind the North Vienna Methodist Church.

After two years of hard work by a dedicated committee, a draft of Vienna's Comprehensive Plan will be completed within the next several weeks, and copies will be available at the Town House and on the Vienna Website for public review and input. A second public meeting to present the recommendations will be held in mid October. Hope you can be there!

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