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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting - December 4, 2007

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #23.
2. Chris reported that representatives from the Maine Department of Transportation responded to the newspaper article about our concerns of their treatment of Rt. 41 (Townhouse Road) after a snow storm. He received several phone calls and DOT representatives will be coming to the December 11th selectmen's meeting to discuss the situation with us.
3. The selectmen are still researching information about the PSAP situation and which dispatch call center we will contract with. The town of Vienna will continue to be dispatched by Winthrop no matter who we contract with to initially answer calls.

Selectmen's Meeting - December 11, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Steve Lilley, Beth Evan from KJ, Dot reps.

1. There was a lengthy discussion with the Maine DOT representatives. Present were Donald Hutchins, Superintendent of Operations and Robert Holbrook, Highway District Manager, both from the Dixfield office, Richard Brown, Highway Crew Supervisor II and Mahlon Presby, Jr., Crew Supervisor I. We began by discussing the latest snow storm. Vienna did not see any plowing until around 8:20 A.M., well into the storm. We also discussed previous storms (2) when the Town of Vienna used town sand on Rt. 41 for safety purposes and were not reimbursed by the state. The selectmen were given copies of the Maine DOT Snow and Ice Control Policy. After going over aspects of this report, the Dot reps stated that they wanted to work closely with the towns and appreciated this forum to do so. They also wanted to urge drivers to slow down and drive appropriately for road conditions. The selectmen were given several numbers to call to report any future problems.
2. The selectmen voted to pay \$200 to the Town of Chesterville for their help with

Voting for Town Officials

Friday

March 7, 2008

4:00 to 8:00 P.M.

The Community Building

Town Meeting

Saturday

March 8, 2008

9:00 A.M.

The Community Building

beaver dam removal on Stream Road .

3. Dodi reported on information from Dan Onion about the newly formed 30 Mile River Watershed Association. They have created bylaws and will become incorporated. The Board of Directors will be composed of representatives from all area towns and lake and pond associations. The 30 Mile group will hire a Lake Warden to serve all the bodies of waters in this area. This eliminates the need for Vienna to have its own Lake Warden . We will have an article at town meeting

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to raise money to contribute to the 30 Mile River Association. The selectmen will possibly be leasing the town boat to them and appointing a representative to their board of directors.

Selectman's Meeting - December 18, 2007

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

1. Reviewed and signed warrant #24.
2. Dispersed and opened mail.
3. The Selectmen had further discussions on E-911 calls and the two facilities the town could contract with to take these calls when the Kennebec County Sheriff Office's Dispatch closes down on January 31, 2008 . We will choose between the State Call Center in Augusta and Somerset County Dispatch Center . There will be an article in the March town meeting warrant to appropriate money for the contract.

Selectman's Meeting - January 2, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Barry Emery, Marti Gross, Connie Smith.

1. The Selectmen went over the list of contents needed for the 2007 town report. We will be gathering written reports with a deadline of January 31st . Dodi will be the town report editor again this year. Each Selectman will be contacting individuals to remind them that written reports are needed as soon as possible.
2. Dispersed and opened mail.
3. Reviewed and signed warrant #25 (2007) and warrant #1 (2008).

Selectmen's Meeting January 8, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Beth Evans from KJ.

1. Selectmen began to work on the warrant for March Town Meeting.
2. Brian reported that the Fire Department will probably be asking for a little more on their budget this year. He said that their budget would include an hourly increase for firefighters to offset fuel costs as well as an increase in the fuel budget for fire trucks.
3. Selectmen agreed that they should donate the town boat and trailer to the newly formed 30 Mile River Association. They were purchased with funds raised by local lake associations and donated to the town. Since the town will no longer hire its own Lake Warden, the boat and trailer are

considered as "surplus" equipment.

4. Lidie Robbins was appointed as the Vienna representative to the 30 Mile River Board of Directors.

Selectman's Meeting - January 15, 2008

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

1. Linwood reports that he had to do some repairs to the Kimball Pond Rd. and the Varney Rd.
2. Brian reported that he had Emery Enterprises clean the snow off the community building roof, and that they will continue raking the roof for the rest of the winter. This should keep the roof from leaking.
3. John Sexton, our assessing agent, has reported that the assessment is 99% complete. He will be sending the new assessments to property owners by mail sometime in February.
4. Reviewed and signed warrant #2
5. We received a letter from Cliff Wells, director of the "Central Maine Regional Communication Center" reminding us that we have to contract with someone for PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) services as the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office Dispatch will soon close down. The selectmen voted to contract with C.M.R.C.C. as our PSAP E-911 provider. The Fire Department will continue to be dispatched by Winthrop Dispatch.
6. The Vienna Comprehensive Planning Committee came in to discuss the findings of the Maine State Planning Office pertaining to Vienna's Comprehensive Plan. Members of the planning board were also in attendance. It was agreed to put the Comprehensive Plan vote on the warrant at the March Town Meeting, rather than the paper ballot at the town officials election. The general consensus of the selectmen and planning board members was that we would support the plan as it is, but would not want to see stronger language added on the subject of zoning at this time. Comprehensive Plan Committee Members in attendance: Sue Burns, Norma Wing, Ed Hinckley, Libby Harville, Peg Lang and Consultant Gwen Hilton. Planning Board members in attendance: Wayne Whittier, Creston Gaither, Bob Bassett, and Alan Williams.
7. 7) Worked on warrant for town meeting

Selectmen's Meeting - January 22, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church

Selectmen worked on the Warrant for the March Town Meeting.



Water, Water Everywhere...So Why Not Take a Drink!

Submitted by Betsy Bransky

Here is a copy of an article I received from Erin Gray at Move More. At the end I have included some tips on how to get in 64 oz (which is 8 8oz glasses) each day:

“Staying well-hydrated is important even though it’s freezing outside. Extreme temperatures (like bone-chilling cold!) act more quickly to dehydrate the body, making it important to drink water even though you may not feel like it. Try to drink eight 8-ounce glasses every day, with increased amounts for added activity. If you spend lots of time outside, your need will increase. Beverages that best meet hydration needs include water, juices, milk or caffeine-free coffee or tea.

Carrying a water bottle makes it easy to remember to drink. Bottled water, in many cases, is no better than the water in your tap. It is convenient and that makes it nice for people who have trouble remembering to consume the recommended eight to 10 glasses of water they need each day. Bottled waters now contain everything from more oxygen to vitamins. But are those additions necessary? Eating a variety of foods makes it easy to consume enough vitamins. If you prefer flavored water to plain, check the label for calories per serving and added sugars. If you do not want to spend extra money on bottled water, try adding a lemon, lime, orange slices, or a small amount of fruit juice to enhance the flavor of tap water.

While drinks supply a good portion of your water needs, solid foods also provide a surprising amount. For example, (number in parentheses is the percentage of water by weight): Lettuce (95%) Watermelon (91%) Broccoli (89%) Grapefruit (89%) Carrot (88%) Apple (86%) Yogurt (85%) Rice, cooked (70%) Cheddar Cheese (37%)

Keep your body functioning normally and avoid dehydration by eating healthfully and by drinking your recommended amounts of water.”

Now for my part...I find it difficult to drink 8 8oz glasses of water every day. Here are some ideas I

have come up with to make sure I get enough water. What I do is drink my water out of a 1 qt water bottle (filled twice). I just carry it around with me and before I know it, I have drunk the whole bottle. I do add lemon and ice to the water to give it flavor and keep it cool for a longer period. I also drink a cup of hot water with lemon occasionally (this also is a great starter drink for the day as it boosts you metabolism early on and helps with digestion).

Here are some suggestions for when to drink water than are borrowed from the book, “WATER”. I keep this posted by the tap in the kitchen.

- first thing in the morning (at least 2 glasses)
- half an hour before a meal
- 2 1/2 hours after a meal
- before exercising
- anytime you’re thirsty (even during a meal)





A Couple of Changes to Vienna's Recycling

Submitted by Muffy Floyd

There are a couple of changes to the "Recycling at a Glance" information (the sheet that lists what you can recycle):

- No colored glass is accepted - only clear
- No plastic trash bags - however, these can be returned to local vendors such as Hannaford and Walmart.

Have you ever wondered what happens to all the stuff we recycle? It really does get used again (that's why we call it "recycling").

Paper:

- Corrugated paper and cardboard is made into new paperboard and corrugated boxes.
- Newspapers is recycled into paperboard, new newsprint, insulation and animal bedding products.
- Office paper is recycled into writing paper, tissue and towel products.
- Telephone books are recycled into egg cartons and wine boxes.

Glass:

- Empty glass bottles and jars are used to make things like decorative paving and aggregate for asphalt or swimming pool filters, as well as new glass jars and bottles.
- Some glass, such as mirror glass and crystal, cannot be recycled because of high lead content.

Food and Drink Cans:

- Empty aluminum drink cans are sent overseas for recycling and can be recycled again and again. Recycled aluminum cans are sorted, crushed and baled into "bricks" for transporting. These bricks are fed into a hot furnace where the aluminum melts and the melted aluminum is then cast into smaller ingots which are processed into new aluminum cans.
- Steel cans that have contained anything from

baked beans to fruit cocktail, pet food or soup are recycled to make new cars and bridges.

Plastic:

- 25 plastic soft drink bottles can be recycled to make an ecofleece top.
- A styrofoam vending cup can be made into a pencil or a pen.
- Plastic bags and containers can be recycled into garden furniture, decking and fencing.
- Milk bottles can be recycled into buckets, composting bins or the recycling bins many towns use for curbside recycling.

Recycling

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What's Happening in the Vienna Area

Ongoing

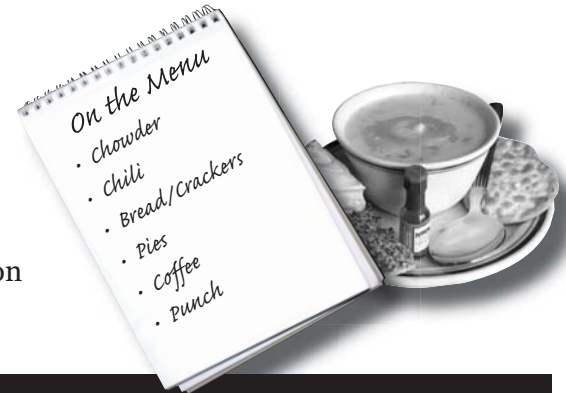
La Grange Cafe every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:30 am at the Mill Stream Grange. Share a coffee and pastry with your friends and neighbors. Run with volunteers and donations. All proceeds go to the Union Hall Association. Casual + Friendly + Welcoming

February 2008

Got Mid-Winter BLUES? **Chowder & Chili Supper and Family Game Night**, Saturday, February 9th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the North Vienna Methodist Church, Tower Road, Vienna. Come enjoy warm winter fare, socializing and family fun. Donations accepted.

March 2008

Saturday, March 1, **Chili/Chowder Supper** at the Vienna Union Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Vienna Union Hall Association. All proceeds for the maintenance, upkeep and preservation of the Vienna Union Hall.

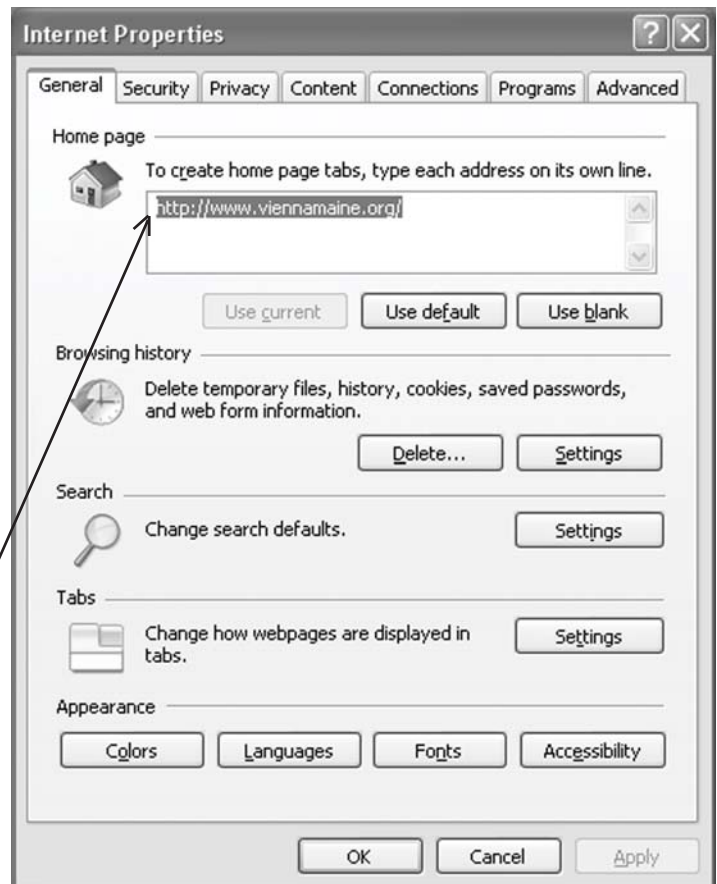


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If you want to stay informed about what is going on in town you can set-up the Vienna Website as your Home Page in Internet Explorer. It is easy to do and will open the Vienna Website each time you connect to the Internet.

To change your Home Page in Internet Explorer:

1. Click **Start**
2. Click **Control Panel**
3. Click **Internet Options**
4. Click the **General Tab**
5. Type in or paste <http://www.viennamaine.org/> in the **Home page** section.
6. Hit **ENTER**
7. Click **OK**
8. Close and Restart your browser.





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 should I vote to accept the new Comprehensive Plan?

A. It has provided a chance to look at what we value in town and come up with ideas on how we might keep it that way. The plan is NOT regulatory. This means nothing in the plan will happen unless the town makes it happen. It is just a guide. However, if any group wanted to apply for grant money for a town project such as: grants to improve water quality of ponds, recreational grants for public access to ponds, town parks and trails, including snowmobile trails; funding for housing and septic system upgrades; historic preservation grants; and grants for fire protection and emergency shelter equipment having a Comprehensive Plan would help.

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**Feb. 23rd - Marcia
Gallagher Jazz Trio**

March 15th - TBA

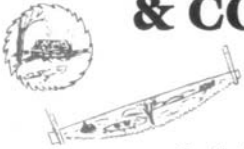
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in time.”

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