

THE VIENNA RECORD



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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Town Wins Lawsuit:

The trial for Darrell & Carol Hall and D. & C. Hall Logging, plaintiffs, vs. Town of Vienna and Doris Thompson, Chris Smith and Randy Carl, defendants, was held in Superior Court in Augusta on Tuesday, March 18th at 8:00 A.M. with Judge Nancy Mills, presiding. The official ruling was "The defendants motion for judgement as a matter of law, made at the close of the plaintiffs' evidence on damages, is granted. M.R. Civ. P. 50 (d). Judgement is entered on the plaintiffs' complaint in favor of the defendants and against the plaintiffs."

Town Wide Revaluation:

Notices have gone out to all Vienna property owners stating the new valuations done by John Sexton.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Mr. Sexton at 622-6133 by April 15th.

Town Meeting Wrap-up:

All articles were passed as recommended with the exception of the following articles which were passed as amended:

ARTICLE 8 To fix compensation for the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Recommended: \$5,000 each, Amended to \$6,000 each and Passed.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for general government.

Recommended: Administration: \$53,000. Amended to \$56,000 and Passed. All other amounts in the article passed as recommended.

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Winter Road Work.

Recommended: \$130,000 and carry the balance. Amended to \$140,000 and carry the balance and Passed.

ARTICLE 42 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Plumbing Inspector Account.

Recommended: \$300 Amended to carry the balance of \$767 and Passed.

ARTICLE 46 To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Special Accounts: Mt. Vernon Food Bank

Recommended: \$300 Amended to \$500 and Passed. All other amounts

in the article passed as recommended.

The incumbent Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Road Commissioner were all re-elected.

Helen Wilkey was elected to a 3 year term as the Vienna SAD#9 School Board Representative, beginning July 1st, 2008. We would like to thank Kevin Umlauf for the fine job he has done as our current SAD#9 Rep. He will continue to serve through June of this year.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectman's Meeting - February 5, 2008

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

1. Reviewed and signed warrant #3
2. The Selectmen voted to purchase another 1000 yards of sand and salt at the request of Road Commissioner Linwood Meader. This has been a hard winter and the sandpile is getting low. This should carry us through the rest of the winter, with hopefully some leftover for next season.
3. Continued work on the warrant for Town Meeting.

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4. The Town of Vienna has received its contract from the State of Maine Department of Public Safety for its P.S.A.P. services. We will officially sign the contract after funds are raised at town meeting.

Selectman's Meeting - February 12, 2008

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

1. Reviewed and signed the official warrant for the March Town Meeting
2. Linwood had a meeting with the head bus driver & the transportation assistant from SAD 9 and did a "ride around" over all the roads that Sad # 9 buses travel on in Vienna. (the Vienna bus driver had made some complaints about Vienna's roads & turnarounds) The two reps from Sad #9 agreed that the roads in Vienna are just fine.
3. Barry Emery talked to us about getting some snow removed from the fire station/community building parking lot as he was running out of room to put snow.
4. Lenny & Colleen Meader (Meader's Construction) came in to talk with us about the fourth year option of their snow plowing contract. It was agreed that the current contract will be extended for the 2008-2009 season for \$96,674.04. Actual contract extension will be signed sometime in March.
5. The selectmen asked Lenny to push back the excess snow at the Community Building and the Town House parking lots.
6. It was reported that a trial date for Hall vs. Vienna has been set for Friday, March 14th at 8:00 A.M.
7. Mail was opened and dispursed.

Selectman's Meeting - February 19, 2008

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

1. The Town received a letter of engagement from our auditor Stephen T. Hopkins. He will be doing the audit for the year ending December 31, 2007.
2. Reviewed and signed warrant #4.
3. Opened and dispursed mail.
4. Dan Onion and Lidie Robbins from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association met with the selectmen. Dan reports that they now are approximately 19 board members. The Association is now certified as a 501-c3 organization (non profit). Dan also reports that the association is working on a fee schedule for the various Towns and Lake Associations that are current members. The 30 Mile Association

is also working on hiring a Lake Warden for the upcoming season. They also plan on having courtesy boat inspections (for mil-foil and other invasive plants) setup at all boat landings this summer.

5. Dodi reported that she delivered the copy for the Town Report to Pettingill printing in Leeds on Friday, February 15th. The report should be ready for mailing on Friday, February 29th.

No meeting was held on **February 26th** due to weather.

Selectman's Meeting - March 4, 2008

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

1. Reviewed and signed warrant #5
2. Opened and dispursed mail.
3. Reviewed a resolution as written by Mark Robinson, Town Manager of Fayette regarding the new P.S.A.P. (Public Safty Addressing Point). This resolution debates the mandate of making towns contract and having to pay for these services. We agreed as a board to not support this resolution.
4. Opened (3) bids for repairing the roof at the Fire Station/Community Room. The work scope for the bid consists of removing the existing metal roof, putting up new plywood decking, installing ice & water shield, and putting the metal roof back on.

The bids were as follows:

- 1) \$14200.00
- 2) \$10246.12
- 3) \$9800.00

The board voted unanimously to award this contract to the lowest bidder pending approval of funds at Saturday's town meeting.

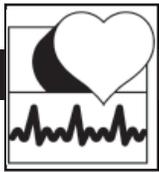
5. The Hall vs. Vienna trial date set for March 14th has been postponed. No new date has been set as yet.

Selectman's Meeting - March 11, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Smith

1. Selectmen were notified by Atty. Stephen Langsdorf that the trial for Hall vs. Town of Vienna) has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 18th in Superior Court in Augusta.
2. Reviewed our notes from the town meeting and verified the Town Clerk's total for appropriations. The total is \$471,876.00.

(See **Selectmen Meeting**, on page 7)



About Diabetes

Submitted by Betsy Bransky

Did you know? Sixty million Americans are unaware they have diabetes or are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

What is diabetes? Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. In type 2 diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use glucose for energy. When you eat food, the body breaks down all of the sugars and starches into glucose, which is the basic fuel for the cells in the body. Insulin takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When glucose builds up in the blood instead of going into cells, it can cause two problems:

- Right away, your cells may be starved for energy.
- Over time, high blood glucose levels may hurt your eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

Finding out you have diabetes is scary. But don't panic. Type 2 diabetes is serious, but people with diabetes can live long, healthy, happy lives.

Who's at risk? Your risk for type 2 diabetes increases as you get older, gain too much weight, or if you do not stay active. Diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Risk factors for type 2 diabetes include:

- * Having high blood pressure (at or above 130/80)
- * Having a family history of diabetes
- * Having diabetes during pregnancy or having a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

What can you do? Take the Diabetes Risk Test. The test is available on line at <http://main.diabetes.org/site/R?i=tjFblRSoFxmF2XVLGFmQGQ> . If you don't have access to a computer and think you might be at risk for the disease, make an appointment with your doctor and talk with her/him about your concerns.

Move More Weekly Email. April 12, 2008
<http://www.diabetes.org/about-diabetes.jsp>





Spring Recycling Tips from Diane

Submitted by Diane Friese

One of the most prevalent items being discarded in landfills across the world, including in Maine, are plastic bags. Although I have been bringing cloth bags to use at the grocery store for over 25 years, I still seem to collect some plastic bags when I buy something for instance at the pharmacy, Mardens or a bookstore. Plastic bags can be returned for recycling at many grocery stores and are being made into clothing such as polartek or being made into recycled plastic bags. In addition to recycling, the following are suggestions for reusing the plastic bags that multiply in your household:

- Use them as trash bin liners instead of buying new liners
- Place them in the bottom of plant pots and hanging baskets - they act as great drainage systems
- Children can use them for carrying exercise gear to school
- Scrunch them up to surround items when you're packaging as an alternative to bubble wrap
- Use them in your flower or vegetable garden to hold your weeds or trimmings before transfer to a compost pile
- Use them when packing for a holiday to keep dirty/wet clothes and shoes away from dry clothing
- Use them as 'doggy doo bags' when out walking your dog in towns/cities
- Re-use washed zip lock bags for sandwiches and snacks multiple times rather than using plastic wrap or a new bag each time
- Hang a small-sized plastic bag to use as a trash container in your car

HOT TIP from Hilliary Hutton for all our stacks of plastic Stonyfield Yogurt Containers

By clicking on the website, www.terracycle.net/brigades, you can sign up for a free way to dispose of all your Stonyfield plastic containers and get paid to do so. I don't know about you, but these containers seem to procreate on my kitchen shelves. Here's your

chance to contribute to a sustainable loop and have them remade into more containers.

The first bulky pickup for 2008 will be on Monday May 12.

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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

Knitting/Needlecraft Group every Monday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Mt. Vernon Community Center

Men's Breakfast every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 am at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Small donation appreciated

Also - Anyone interested in joining a **Garden Club**? Contact Dee Keneagy at 293-2358

April 2008

Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 pm **Game Night** at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Board games, card games, some furnished or bring your own. Finger desserts, coffee and tea

Monday, April 14th at 7:00 **Vienna/Mt. Vernon Extension Group** (University of Maine Cooperative Extension) will meet at the Vienna Community Building. The program will be **Going Green**. Visitors welcome

May 2008

Saturday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm **Community Pot Luck Supper** at the Mt. Vernon Community Center

Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 pm the **Vienna Union Hall Annual Variety Show** will be held at Union Hall. If you would like to be in the show please call Dodi at 293-2670

Monday, May 12th at 7:00 pm the **Vienna/Mt. Vernon Extension Group** (University of Maine Cooperative Extension) will meet at the Vienna Community Building. The program will be **Simplify Your Life**. Visitors welcome

Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon and Sunday, May 18, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon the Mill Stream Grange presents it's **25th Annual Seedling & Bake Sale** on Sale is indoors so come rain or shine. Think Spring!





MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD JANUARY 23, 2008

As no quorum was present, no formal meeting was held in December.

The January meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Bob Bassett, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Minutes of the November 28 meeting were read and accepted.

This meeting was not advertised as a public hearing despite the November decision to do so because the State has postponed the deadline for Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) updates until 2009. On learning this the board informally agreed to hold off on Vienna's update until then. At the present meeting this decision was formalized and the board agreed that this would allow it to continue to consider timber harvest standards and to consider the Comprehensive Plan, which is proposed for adoption at the March town meeting.

Creston and Waine were re-elected as secretary and chairman unanimously. The recruitment of an alternate was briefly discussed.

The interpretation of the SZO map and the location of steep Resource Protection Districts (RPDs) was discussed at length. Creston offered an informal written summary of his thoughts. The board agreed to continue this discussion next month; Creston will meanwhile contact Rich Baker and MMA for their thoughts.

The Van Woerts' proposal was discussed. In view of the aforementioned RPD discussion it was agreed that Creston should write to them saying that they should either pick a flatter spot for their proposed site, present acceptable evidence that the proposed site in fact slopes less than 20%, or wait until next month's discussion and the board's resolution of its RPD questions.

Creston will ask CEO John Archard about permits for construction apparently underway on the Paul Weckbacher property on Kimball Pond Rd (Map 3 lot 64).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2008

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Bob Bassett, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Kay and Ned Van Woert. Minutes of the January 23 meeting were read and accepted.

The Van Woerts advised the board that they would like to proceed with their Shoreland Zoning permit application as previously submitted rather than alter it. The board therefore agreed that, prior to considering their application, it should formally establish its policy regarding the zoning of steep areas not graphically depicted as Resource Protection Districts (RPDs) on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) map.

The board discussed this issue at length and reviewed correspondence from, and discussions with, DEP and MMA. Creston moved that, as operative planning board policy, the SZO map should henceforth be construed as placing in the RPD only those areas graphically depicted on the map as RPDs irrespective of the 20%/2 acre note on the map. This policy was adopted by a vote of 3 - 1 with one abstention.

The Van Woerts' proposal was then considered. Given the aforesaid policy, the proposed construction site falls within the Limited Residential zone under the SZO. The board made findings of fact as per p. 19 of the SZO, found the proposal conforming, and voted 4 - 0 (with one abstention) to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter, subject to the usual conditions regarding silt fencing and to an emphasis on the owners' responsibility to see that the project meets the required setbacks.

In response to a query from Norma Wing it was agreed that the board's approved minutes can be published in the Vienna Record.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary





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

www.viennamaine.org



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SELECTMEN MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Town House



Vienna Town House - Rte. 41, Vienna, ME

WORK SESSIONS:

2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
5th Tuesday at 6:30 pm (as needed)

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3. Discussed and agreed to begin the application paperwork for the 2008 TAN (tax anticipation note) with TDBankNorth.
4. Opened and dispersed mail.

Selectman's Meeting - March 18, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader

1. Discussed the fact that John Sexton has mailed cards with the new valuations to all Vienna property owners.
2. Dodi reported that the trial was held today for Darrell Hall et al vs Town of Vienna et all. The trial ended with the Judge ruling in favor of the Town of Vienna et al and against the Halls.
3. Opened and dispersed mail
4. The 2008 service agreement with the Franklin County Animal Shelter was signed earlier today by Dodi Thompson and Donald Tibbetts, Animal Control Officer.
5. Linwood reported that he has "posted" all the dirt roads in town.
6. Selectmen agreed to change their meeting time to

- 6:30 P.M. (from 6:00), effective March 25th.
7. Reviewed and signed Warrant #7.

Selectman's Meeting - March 25, 2008

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

1. Selectmen had some discussion with Linwood about the general condition of all the dirt roads in town. They have all been posted for mud season.
2. Dodi & Marti have been working on the Municipal Fact Sheet and Cash Flow report for TDBankNorth. We are asking for a TAN of \$100,000.00 with an interest rate of 3.19%. Lee Bragg of Bernstein Shur will be our bond counsel for the note. The closing date is set for April 7 th .
3. Dan Onion came in to go over the formula that Northstar Ambulance Service uses to come up with the fees they charge each town for service. Dan has also been in touch with Winthrop Ambulance Service to see if they could be an option for Vienna. We will continue to explore this option to see if we can get the same service we get now for less money in the future. The agreement we have now with Northstar goes through July 2009.



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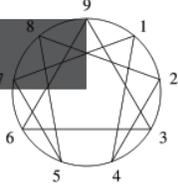
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Board of Selectmen:

Dodi Thompson	293-2670
Chris Smith	293-3383
Brian Church	293-3892

Town Clerk/Tax Collectors:

Connie Smith <i>(by appointment only)</i>	293-3383
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Treasurer:

Marti Gross	485-4415
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Road Commissioner:

Linwood Meader, Jr.	293-2270
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Harbormaster (Lake Warden):

Matt Moore	293-3686
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Animal Control Officer:

Donald Tibbetts	293-2915
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Game Warden:

624-7000

Vienna Fire Department:

Steve Lilley, Chief	293-9308
Brian Church, Deputy	293-3892
Mark Holmes, Asst.	293-3572
Peter Byrnes, Asst.	293-2706

Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector:

John Archard	293-2674
David Giroux, Alt.	685-9877

Health Officer:

Betsy Bransky	293-2316
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Winter Road Contractor:

Lenny Meader	778-3022
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Addressing Officer:

Laura Reville	293-3156
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School Board Representative:

Kevin Umlauf	293-4590
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Planning Board:

Waine Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Creston Gaither, Sec.	293-2909
Alan Williams	293-2620
Lional Laliberte	293-2097
Bob Bassett	249-2814

Board of Appeals:

Jim Anderberg, Chair	293-2673
Marie Kohtala	293-2534
Ray Anderson	293-2679
Jim Gajarski	293-2910
Helen Wilkey	293-2351

Merry Dumpsters (Recycling Board):

Hillary Hutton, Chair	293-3686
Steve Richardson	293-2610
Ann Gibbs	293-2610
Diane Friese	293-2713
Muffy & Jim Floyd	293-2148

Recreational Land Committee:

Dodi Thompson, Chair	293-2670
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Town House Committee

Norma Wing, Chair	293-3725
Millie Whittier, Vice Chair	293-2072
Helen Wilkey, Treasurer	293-2351
Peg Lang, Secretary	293-4899

Municipal Cemetery Sexton:

Ernestine Emery	293-2332
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Jay Recycling Center

897-5552

Norridgewock Landfill

634-2714

Riverside Disposal

623-2577

Vienna Town House

293-2087

Vienna Community Building

293-4000

Vienna Post Office

293-9332

SAD #9:

778-6571

Cape Cod Hill School	778-3031
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Mt. Blue High School	778-3561
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Central Maine Power Emergency	800-696-1000
Franklin Memorial Hospital	800-398-6031
Poison Control Center	800-442-6305
MaineGeneral Medical Center	626-1206

Maine State Police Emergency	800-452-4664
Kennebec County Sheriff	623-3591
Police-Fire-Emergency	911

