

# THE VIENNA RECORD



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

*To the residents and friends of Vienna:*

The school budget was approved in Vienna. 16 yes to 5 no. That's right ... we only had 21 voters.

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

### Selectman's Meeting - April 1, 2008

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

1. Peter Kallin from the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance came in to let us know that they are in the process of buying approximately 140 acres of land in Vienna to go with the Kennebec Highlands. Currently they have closed on 40 acres with the rest to follow. Peter also brought in the paperwork to have the land classified as open land. He brought a letter for the selectmen to sign saying we support their continuing efforts to acquire more land. The selectmen agreed to sign

- this letter.
2. Steve Lilley came in to ask about how to setup the agreement between Vienna and Readfield concerning the hiring of the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Paperwork person. This person will be an employee of Readfield, but will handle some of Vienna Fire Department's paperwork.
3. Reviewed and signed warrant #6.
4. The selectmen signed the P.S.A.P. agreement (voted on at town meeting) with State of Maine Dept. of Public Safety. The agreement will be sent to Cliff Wells, head of CMRCC.
5. Opened and dispersed mail.

### Selectman's Meeting - April 08, 2008

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

1. The selectmen voted to accept a \$200.00 donation to the Vienna Fire Department from the Legendre Family.
2. The selectmen had a lengthy discussion about the new property values. They seem to be very consistent and fair across the board. Basic values for house lots have gone up and

well as the price of land per acre. These charts are available at the townhouse. Our goal is to be at 100 % of fair market value. Exemptions will also be at 100% now. Those with questions about their new valuation should call assessor John Sexton at 622-6133. The selectmen have received very few calls related to the new assessments, but if we do, we refer them to Mr. Sexton.

### Selectman's Meeting - April 15, 2008

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

1. Selectmen had discussions about some of the letters and emails each of them have received concerning the revaluations. We will pass them on to John Sexton.
2. Reviewed and signed warrant #7
3. Received our final bill for \$4392.91 from Preti-Flaherty and Attorney Stephen Langsdorf for services rendered for the Hall vs. Town of Vienna lawsuit and trial. The total cost of defending the lawsuit was \$11,422 (from June 2006 through the trial in March 2008).
4. Steve Lilley reports that Fire

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Department will be purchasing a boat motor and trailer from the Readfield Fire Department for \$1000.00. The Vienna Fire Department, Inc. will be paying half the cost. The boat is 16 ft. long with an 8 horse power motor. It will be available around the 1st of June.

5. Sean Goodwin from Kennebec County Emergency Management came in to talk with us about getting Vienna to be N.I.M.S. (National Incident Management System) compliant. The selectmen in conjunction with the Vienna Fire Department. & K.C.E.M.A. will work on this. Brian will be the Town's point man on the project and will set up training sessions necessary for certification.

**Selectmen's Meeting - April 22, 2008**

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

1. Linwood reported that all the frozen sand has been screened and piled up, making it ready for use next winter.
2. Brian reported that he is working on getting the town NIMS compliant. We will have more on this next week.
3. Dodi met with John Sexton on Monday, April 21, to go over some questions concerning the revaluation. John reported that he is meeting with property owners almost daily. The plan is to have all the conferences and possible adjustments done by the middle of May so the tax bills can go out by June 1 st.

**Selectmen's Meeting - April 29, 2008**

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

1. Opened and dispersed mail.
2. The Selectmen signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Maine Incident Management Assistance Team and The Town of Vienna. This agreement states that we the Town of Vienna will call on the CMIM team to assist us if needed during a major incident.
3. The Selectmen agreed to use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in the Town of Vienna. All

first responders and selectmen will be taking a three hour course with testing for certification. This course will take place in the Community Room on Thursday, May 15th.

4. John Sexton reports that he is continuing to talk with and meet with property owners.

**Selectmen's Meeting - May 6, 2008**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church

1. Read and accepted Minutes from April 1 st and April 8th .
2. Selectmen received a copy of a letter from CEO John Archard to Robert and Patricia Thompson. After inquiries and investigation, it was concluded that their new construction on Flying Pond ( Town House Rd ) meets the required 100 foot setback as permitted by the Vienna Planning Board.
3. It was reported that the basic Veteran's Exemption is \$6000 as of January 2008 (up from \$5000).
4. Reviewed and signed Warrant #9.

**Selectmen's Meeting - May 13, 2008**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Lenny and Colleen Meader.

1. The selectmen signed a fourth year contract with Lenny Meader dba Meader's Construction to Plow and Salt/Sand Winter Roads for the 2008-2009 season. The amount of the contract is \$96,674.04. The increase is due to rising fuel prices. This addendum is attached to the 3 year contract signed in August of 2005, with all the rules, regulations and requirements of same. That contract has a clause allowing an additional fourth year option.
2. Linwood reported that he has completed the grading and work on Stream Road, Davis Road, Besse Road, and Klir Beck Rd. He still has work to do on Mountain Rd., Kimball Pond Rd., and Varney Road.
3. It was reported that there will be a Public Vote on SAD #9 proposed budget on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 P.M in the Mt. Blue High School Gymnasium. A required follow-up vote will be held in the individual towns on Wednesday, May 28th.

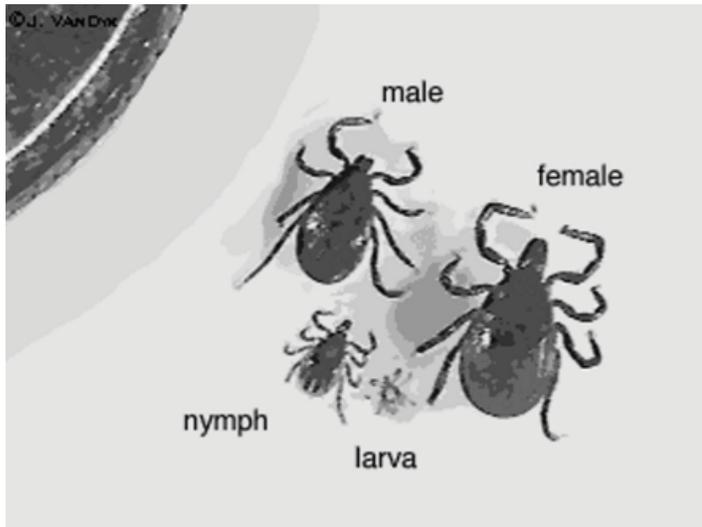
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# Tick Time

Submitted by Betsy Bransky

It's Tick Time and I have gathered some information for this season of the year including this picture of the 4 stages of the life of a tick.



If you spend time outdoors or have pets that go outdoors, you need to beware of ticks. Ticks are small bloodsucking bugs. Many species transmit diseases to animals and people. Some of the diseases you can get from a tick bite are Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia.

To help protect yourself and your family, you should:

- Use a chemical repellent with DEET, permethrin or picaridin
- Wear light-colored protective clothing
- Tuck pant legs into socks
- Avoid tick-infested areas
- Check yourself, your children and your pets daily for ticks and carefully remove any ticks you find

What to do if you find a tick on you or think you have been bitten by a tick?

- If the tick is still attached to the skin remove it.
- Using fine-tipped tweezers, grasp the head of the tick close to the skin.
- Firmly and steadily pull the tick straight out of the skin. Do not twist the tick, or rock it from side to side while removing it.
- Put the tick in alcohol to kill it. Don't use

petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove the tick.

- Wash your hands and the site off the bite with soap and water.
- Swab the bite with alcohol.

Call the doctor if:

- The tick may have been on the skin for more than 24 hrs.
- Part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal
- A rash develops of any kind (especially a red-ringed bull's eye rash)
- The area looks infected (increasing redness, warmth, swelling, pain or oozing pus.
- Symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, chills, stiff neck or back or muscle or joint aches develop.

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## What's Happening in the Vienna Area

### Ongoing

**La Grange Café** 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

**Mt. Vernon Community Center Café** every Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center

**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

### June 2008

Monday, June 2 at 3:30 p.m. the **Mt. Vernon/Vienna Garden Group** is meeting at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Everyone welcome.

Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. is **Game Night** at Mt. Vernon Community Center. Many board games, dominoes, cribbage, cards, etc. Refreshments provided.

Friday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Hall - George F. Melvin, well-known author and Maine Central Railroad expert from Readfield, will give a presentation on **Maine Central Railroad Operations in the Central Maine Area**. His presentation will include images from his newest book, *Maine Central in Color*-Volume 3. Admission free and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Vienna Historical Society

### July 2008

Saturday, July 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the **Summer Arts and Crafts Fair And Bake Sale** at the Mt. Vernon Community Center and at the Beach. Tables are \$20. To reserve please call Wanda Morse at 293-2877 by June 20th.

Saturday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m. **Dr. Shaw Library Book Sale** at the Mt. Vernon Community Center

Thursday & Friday July 24 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. **The Vienna Historical Society Plays**, featuring "Romance in Vienny" and "Professor Perkins Singing Lessons" by Beverly Wight Shaw and "The Buzz" by Beverly Shaw.

### Summer Classes & Workshops

Starting July 9 (for 6 weeks) from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Calligraphy Class** this summer in Vienna with Mike Monahan from Sign Works. Call 293-2362 for details

The Mt. Vernon Community Center is excited to be offering some fun new programs this summer for both children and adults. Included will be the following dance classes:

♪ **Intro to Dance**, ages 6 and up (*This class will touch on tap, ballet, jazz, and hip hop*).

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♪ **Jazz and Hip Hop** for teens

♪ **Jazz for Adults** (think Chorus Line, etc.!)

♪ **Irish Step Dancing**

♪ **Clogging**

These classes will run Tuesday afternoons & evenings in two 4 week sessions, July 1-22, and July 29-August 19. Sign up for one or both. Class minimums of 5 to run.

**Dance Workshop** presented by Camp Bearnstow at the Mount Vernon Community Center Wednesdays, July 16 through August 27. For more info call 293-2280

**Introduction to Tai Chi for Adults.** A four week session, June 25-July 16. Wednesdays, 9-10 AM. Minimum class of 5 to 6.

**Art Classes:** Several in the planning stage for both kids and adults.

☒ Ann Warren will have a landscape class in acrylics to be held at her home from 9-3 PM Tuesdays, July 1 through 29.

☒ Dee Keneagy will hold watercolor classes 9:30-11:30 AM Thursdays at the community center July 10 through Aug. 14.

These two classes are for adults (*age 15 and up*).

Jan Webber will offer a workshop in collage for kids age 8-12. Other offerings for children in the works, so watch for posters.

Call Dee Keneagy at 293-2358 for information, fees, and registration.

## THE MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION (CPC)

### Public Forum Invitation

The CPC is holding a public forum on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mount Vernon's Community Center. The first part of the agenda will be on transportation, and we thought folks from Vienna might like to attend. You can leave after this discussion, but you're certainly welcome to stay to hear about other issues CPC has been working on for Mount Vernon!

At \$4 a gallon for gas, as is predicted by this summer, would you like to pay \$2 a gallon or even \$1 a gallon? Come to the forum and find out if you could carpool to work! A representative of GOMaine will be there to explain how they can organize carpools in our two towns. You can register if you're interested, and their software program will combine people who have similar schedules, work addresses, etc. CPC will work on any stumbling blocks that come up during the discussion time. Would you like to get to Augusta without driving yourself? KVCAP will also be at the forum to tell you about their van service from Vienna and Mount Vernon AND their bus service in the town of Augusta. It's reasonably priced and will save you gas. Plus, if you don't drive anymore, you can still get to town to shop or go to the doctor.

If you have questions, call Sandy Wright at 293-2582 or email her at [scwright@ctel.net](mailto:scwright@ctel.net).



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD MARCH 26, 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 Edwin and Marie Kohtala. Minutes of the February 27 meeting were read and accepted.

The Kohtalas requested a permit to cut more than 25 but less than 500 cords of wood, possibly for their own use. Creston will send them a Timber Harvest Ordinance copy and permit.

The board considered Bill MacDonald's letter of Feb 27, 2008 regarding his proposal to place 3 inches +/- of seeded loam over the area for which he previously received a permit to place crushed stone (see Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) permit dated Aug 28, 2006). The board was uncertain as to the proper interpretation of the SZO in this regard. Waine will discuss this matter with DEP and either respond to Mr MacDonald or report back to the board for further action.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary



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**Selectmen's Meeting- May 21, 2008**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Linwood Meader, Barry Emery, Peg Lang, Kevin Hill.

1. Due to conflicts, the meeting was held on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday. No minutes were taken.
2. Reviewed and signed Warrant #10.

**Selectmen's Meeting May 27, 2008**

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

McBride, et.al.

1. Signed a painting contract with Lynn Hamblet for painting of the ramp, the window trim and sills and building skirting of the Town House. This job will begin after June 7th .
2. We talked with a couple of camp owners on Flying Pond that came in to check values of properties around them. They (and others) will be meeting with John Sexton at the Town House on June 4th. Dodi will also be attending these meetings.
3. Discussed when the tax bills will be going out. There was a two week delay on wrapping up revaluation inquiries as John Sexton had to be out of town due to illness in his immediate family. The tax bills should be going out sometime in early June.
4. Read and approved minutes from May 13th meeting.



photo by Peg Lang

**Swearing in of Vienna's new Postmaster, Audrey Nichols**

The public was invited to the official swearing-in ceremony the newly appointed Vienna Postmaster, Audrey Nichols on May 2, 2008. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Mill Stream Grange in Vienna. Congratulations, Audrey!



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## Vienna Town House Committee



Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 at the Vienna Town House, Route 41, Vienna, Maine

For more information call: 293-3725



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

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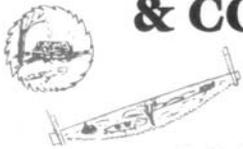
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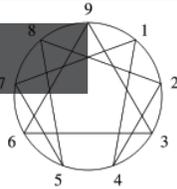
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# TOWN OF VIENNA, ME

## Selectmen, Assessers and Overseers of the Poor

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**Treasurer**      Marti Gross

**Town Clerk**      Connie Smith

**Tax Collector**      Connie Smith

**Road Commissioner**      Linwood Meader, Jr.

**Fire Chief & Warden**      Steve Lilley

**Health Officer**      Betsy Bransky

**Animal Control Officer**      Donald Tibbetts

**Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer**      John Archard

**Addressing Officer & Town Report Editor**      Laura Reville

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